

QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAM REPORT

April 1, 2000 – June 30, 2000

WRC-TV attempts to serve the public interest, convenience and necessity by presenting broadcast material which treats significant issues of the people in the communities served by WRC-TV station. WRC recognizes that it has an ongoing obligation to remain aware of such community issues and to exercise its best judgment as to what broadcast matter should be programmed to treat those needs and interests.

The following is a brief description of such community issues and some of the programs we believe have provided the most significant treatment of such issues during the period April 1, 2000 – June 30, 2000, including the title of such program, its time, type, source, date and duration of broadcast.

NEWS FOUR AT FIVE-THIRTY AND NINE AM, FOUR, FIVE, SIX AND ELEVEN PM. TYPE: News Series SOURCE: Local TIME: 5:00-7:00AM, 9:00-10:00AM, 4:00-5:00PM, 5:00-6:00PM, 6:00-7:00PM, 11:00-11:30PM, Monday – Friday; 6:00-6:30PM, Saturday and Sunday. NEWS 4 TODAY. TYPE: News SOURCE: Local TIMES: Weekdays, 5:00-7:00AM, Saturdays, 6:00-7:00AM, 9:00-10:00AM, Sundays, 6:00AM-8:00AM, and 9:00AM-10:30AM. (News 4 on Sunday was expanded to 10:30AM as of Sunday, August 6, 1995.) DURATION: See Times. WRC-TV reporters probe special issues of concern to area residents. **Stories generally appear more than once in the daily newscasts, as they are recapped throughout the day.** WRC-TV initiated, in December 1992, active closed captioning of its news broadcasts. Currently, all regularly scheduled news programs thirty minutes or longer are closed captioned. Also, special news events sometimes are closed captioned, depending on the availability of the transcription service. The word for word transcription service includes chitchat between stories at two hundred plus words per minute, with less than a three-second delay. This effort addresses the needs of more than 300,000 deaf and hard of hearing people in the Washington area.

THE MCLAUGHLIN GROUP. TYPE: Public Affairs SOURCE: Syndicated (Originates from WRC-TV studios) TIME: Saturdays, 7:30-8:00PM, Repeated Sundays, 11:30AM. DURATION: thirty Minutes. This public affairs panel anchored by John McLaughlin, features discussion and analysis of current national and world events by five candid and respected Washington commentators.

ONE ON ONE. TYPE: Public Affairs SOURCE: Syndicated (Originates from WRC-TV) TIME: Sundays, 12:00 DURATION: Thirty Minutes. Host John McLaughlin interviews a prominent political or world leader each week on selected newsworthy issues.

REPORTERS NOTEBOOK. TYPE: Public Affairs SOURCE: Local TIME: Sundays, 6:15-6:30AM. DURATION: Fifteen Minutes. This reporter roundtable, which premiered on October 4, 1992, features discussion of public affairs issues by leading area journalists. The program is part of News 4 Today and usually is hosted by WRC-TV reporter Tom Sherwood. He is joined by journalist Milagros Ardin, WMAL-AM; Dave McConnell, WTOP-AM; and Jerry Phillips, WBIG-FM/WTEM-AM.

VIEWPOINT. TYPE: Public Affairs SOURCE: Local TIME: Sundays, 7:00-7:30AM.
DURATION: Thirty Minutes. WRC-TV's Joe Krebs hosts this weekly exploration of issues and people impacting the community. The program is part of the two hour News 4 Today news block on Sundays from 6:00-8:00AM. It premiered on November 15, 1992.

I. TAKING CARE OF OUR CHILDREN and FAMILY

Many children in the Washington effort suffer from being denied the opportunity to grow up in a stable home with parents who can care for them emotionally and financially. WRC-TV helps these children directly through its Wednesday's Child project, described below. The station also broadcasts other news stories on the issue of adoption, some of which are described below.

NEWS FOUR AT FIVE PM. – WEDNESDAY'S CHILD. WRC-TV's Barbara Harrison, on selected Wednesdays, features a child or children who need a home, or celebrates a happy ending to an adoption story. In September, Barbara Harrison, with the Council of Governments, launched a program through which viewers may dial a phone number and find out more about adopting a child through any jurisdiction in our viewing area. Some of the stories are repeated on News 4 Sundays at nine AM. Some of the dates in which Wednesday's Child ran were:

April (4/5, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26)

May (5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31)

June (6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28)

NEWS 4 April 5- a report on Wednesday's Child, children who need loving homes

NEWS 4 April 7- Families of four victims of the January fire at New Jersey's Seton Hall University intend to file lawsuits in the case

NEWS 4 April 10- a Saint Bernard in New York State is the proud mother of 17 puppies

NEWS 4 April 12- Wednesday children featured in December are re-introduced

NEWS 4 April 13- Eight High School students in Richmond were suspended this week for driving onto school property dressed in confederate attire and waving a large confederate flag.

NEWS 4 April 20 – Calvin Woodland, a man who worked with kids in SE Washington, making a difference in their lives, passed away last week

NEWS 4 April 21- today, a new law aimed at protecting children who use the Internet goes into effect

NEWS 4 April 21 – new exhibit at the Library of Congress is all about the Wizard of Oz

NEWS 4 April 24 – African American families gathered at the Zoo for fun and festivities today to take part in annual tradition

NEWS 4 April 25 – high school student from Montgomery County will have story published in Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul series

NEWS 4 April 28 - A 13 year-old boy in Aspen Hill is in serious condition after he was run over by a school bus

NEWS 4 May 2,3 - A commission looking into the bonfire tragedy at Texas A&M University says that the accident was caused by poor construction and lack of supervision

NEWS 4 May 4 - Kentucky lady gives birth prematurely in the bathroom of a Wendy's restaurant, the manager of the restaurant finds her passed out in the bathroom and the baby in the toilet, he woke the baby by tickling its feet

NEWS 4 May 5 - Homeless adults and children testify at a congressional hearing today asking for more affordable housing and shelters that accommodate families so they are not split apart

NEWS 4 May 8 - The Thompson sextuplets celebrated their 3rd birthday today in Northwest Washington

NEWS 4 May 10 - Priests are traveling outside of the church to try to reach young adults

NEWS 4 May 11- An Ohio amusement park has built the worlds tallest and fastest roller coaster, it is 310 feet tall and travels 92 miles per hour

NEWS 4 May 11- The population in India passed one billion with the birth of a little girl - it is now the second nation on earth to have a billion people, along with China

NEWS 4 May 12, 15 - Thousands of people are expected to partake in the Million Mom March this Sunday, it is meant to draw attention to gun violence. Mothers from yesterday's march made their case directly to congress today

NEWS 4 May 15 - 13 year-old Thomas Hughes from Alexandria got lost in the woods last night, he was found by a family friend this morning

NEWS 4 May 16 - Cherie Blair, wife of British Prime Minister Tony Blair is expecting her fourth child. She is arguing against the British government's policies on parental leave saying that the law is too restrictive.

NEWS 4 May 16 - The National Women's Law Center released a report saying that the military has instituted a number of successful child-care reforms over the last decade and that it should be an example for the nation

NEWS 4 May 17 - students from D.C. public schools talked to sponsors of the Hoop Dreams Scholarship Fund, which helps send students to college. This year's Hoop Dreams basketball tournament is June 10th.

NEWS 4 May 18 - A young boy in Pottstown Pennsylvania threw a dime in the air in a local store, the dime hit a sprinkler, causing it to go off. The water cost 140 thousand dollars in damages. The boy faces felony charges of criminal mischief and tampering with a fire apparatus.

NEWS 4 May 19 - Lifepieces to Masterpieces is a project selling paintings done by children that will be available for sale soon

NEWS 4 May 22 - 10 year-old Gregory Smith finished his freshman year at Randolph Macon College in Virginia. He is the youngest college freshman in the nation.

NEWS 4 May 22 - Vidaldi's all-girl orchestra, featuring 40 girls between the ages of 6 and 18, performed yesterday at the Kennedy Center

NEWS 4 May 22 - The first picture of baby Leo, the son of British Prime Minister Tony Blair and his wife Cherie was released early Saturday morning.

NEWS 4 May 22 - Keri Jackson, the teacher of Kevin Shifflett started a teddy bear campaign, after realizing that many of her students didn't own teddy bears. More than 700 bears have been donated. She has combined with local Starbucks stores to collect stuffed animals until June 17th.

NEWS 4 May 22 - Police across the nation will be checking cars on Memorial Day weekend to make sure that kids are wearing seat belts

NEWS 4 May 23 - The Labour Government in Britain is urging teachers to ban musical chairs on the grounds that it promotes aggression, saying that "the biggest and strongest always win".

NEWS 4 May 23 - Researchers from Harvard University reviewed more than 60 years of "G" rated movies and they say that intentional violence is becoming a growing part of these films.

NEWS 4 May 24 - Wednesday's child report on a child who has not found a permanent home.

NEWS 4 May 24 - The National Zoo re-opened today. It was closed after Monday's shooting.

NEWS 4 May 25; June 2 - A memorial fund is being set up in the name of Ryan Petsun, a Damascus High School senior who died yesterday. The class of 2000 at Damascus High School graduated today.

NEWS 4 May 31 - Report on Wednesday's children, two brothers who need a home

VIEWPOINT June 4 - Host Joe Krebs discusses "Hoop Dreams" with Kelvin Peek, student, and Susie Kay, founder, Hoop Dreams Scholarship Fund and teacher at HD Woodson High School.

NEWS 4 June 5 - The Hoop Dreams tournament begins this Saturday. The tournament raises money for students going to college.

NEWS 4 June 7 - A new child care facility has opened in DC. The New Image Child Development Center will provide care for about 100 children.

NEWS 4 June 15 - A survey of 1000 playgrounds across the country shows that most are hazardous to children. Six states have passed laws requiring playgrounds to meet new safety standards

NEWS 4 June 16 - A local software company has developed a program called "I for All" that lets parents who are at work check on their kids when they are on the internet at home

NEWS 4 June 19 - Bill Duggan, a business owner in Adams Morgan has a volunteer program that takes kids to the beach, this year he is taking 37 kids.

NEWS 4 June 19 - Columbia Heights in Washington will be getting a federal grant to create a new park

NEWS 4 June 20 - A new campaign has been launched in Montgomery County to bring down the number of pedestrian deaths.

NEWS 4 June 22 - The 4th Harry Potter book comes out July 8th and bookstores are stocking up on these children's books.

NEWS 4 June 21 - Building inspectors have declared the Laurel Crossing apartments unsafe. Many residents have been forced out of their homes

NEWS 4 June 21, 23 - Three NEWS4 anchors are participating in the AIDS ride. The bike ride is 300 miles and will raise almost 5 million dollars for AIDS services in our area. Today the riders have reached the halfway mark and have arrived in Richmond, VA

NEWS 4 June 21 - Report on a Wednesday's child, a young girl named Megan who needs a home

NEWS 4 June 27 - A Southwest Airline flight came back to the Kansas City airport because three girls had been left behind in a stopover.

NEWS 4 June 27 - The men and women of the Fairfax County Urban search and rescue team received special honors today

NEWS 4 June 28 - Now that the Gonzales family is back in Cuba, people in a Cleveland Park neighborhood will be able to live without the press and protestors around their homes.

NEWS 4 June 28 - The Supreme Court ruled that the boy scouts can legally bar homosexuals from serving as troop leaders

NEWS 4 June 29, 30 - Workers have almost completed the children's playground built in honor of Princess Diana in London's Kensington Gardens. The new playground opens today. Diana's god-daughter cut the ribbon and opened the park

II. POLITICAL ISSUES

WRC-TV covers the activities of federal, state and local governments, and other regional organizations in a number of its programs, some of which are described below.

NEWS 4 April 3- The State of Maryland will become the first state to require built-in locks on all new guns sold in Maryland

NEWS 4 April 5- in Northern Ireland, the characters of Mickey and Minnie Mouse refused to shake the hand of the Irish Mayor and almost caused an international incident

NEWS 4 April 5- the annual list of "pork barrel" spending is out which is a list of what is considered wasteful spending

NEWS 4 April 5,7- Gregory Craig, a famous political lawyer, joins in the fight for Elian Gonzales

NEWS 4 April 9- hundreds of people protested on Capitol Hill today in advance of next week's international monetary fund meeting here in the District.

NEWS 4 April 11- Maryland has made history and won the praise of President Clinton for its new gun safety law

ELIAN GONZALEZ

NEWS 4 April 11, 12, 18-27, May 1, 8, 25, 26 June 1,13, 15, 16, 23, 26-29 - news coverage of Elian Gonzalez' case; culminating in a raid of the Miami relatives' home and return of Elian to his father in Washington. Friends and relatives from Cuba came over to visit with the boy for a few weeks. Elian's father filed a brief with the Federal Appeals Court, arguing that the court has no right to second guess the government on asylum matters. New Hampshire Senator Bob Smith says some comments he made in connection with Elian might have been taken out of context. A psychiatrist hired by the federal government has released the results of Elian's examination. The Miami relatives of Elian are moving to a home in West Miami for privacy. A federal appeals court in Atlanta has made a ruling that could send Elian from Washington to Cuba within weeks. The panel has denied an asylum hearing for the boy. Thousands of Cuban children marched in Havana today demanding the return of Elian. The march was ordered by Fidel Castro. Elian's Miami relatives asked a 11th circuit court of appeals to reverse its decision, saying that he was denied his right to due process by refusing his right to seek asylum. The government and Elian's father have until Tuesday to respond to the appeal filed. A federal appeals court in Atlanta refused to reconsider its earlier ruling, which denied a 6-year old an asylum hearing. His relatives say they're already drafted an appeal to the Supreme Court. Lawyers for Elian's United States relatives filed a formal appeal with the Supreme Court. Elian's father asked the Supreme Court to deny any request that would delay their departure for Cuba. The Supreme Court refused to hear the appeal filed by Elian's relatives. The court order keeping Elian in the U.S. expired this afternoon. Elian left the Washington area for Cuba today. Elian spent his first full day back in

Cuba and is keeping out of the public eye. Elian's family will spend several days in Havana before returning to their hometown. Elian will start the second grade in the fall.

NEWS 4 April 12,13- 139 years after the Civil War began in South Carolina, the confederate flag may be flying for its last few hours above the South Carolina State House

NEWS 4 April 13- President Clinton will not ask for a pardon if the independent counsel wins an indictment against him.

NEWS 4 April 13- Protestors begin to get ready for the World Bank and IMF meeting

NEWS 4 April 18 – Republican Howard Denis won a seat on the Montgomery County Council

NEWS 4 April 18, 19 – news coverage of the five year anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing – a memorial was dedicated at the site

NEWS 4 April 19 – so far, 65% of American households have returned their year 2000 census forms, with forms still coming in

NEWS 4 April 19 – on May 14th, the Million Mom March will take place, in a statement about gun control

NEWS 4 April 21- the people who staged IMF protests have produced their own documentary

NEWS 4 April 24 – Republicans are calling for an investigation of the armed seizure of Elian

NEWS 4 April 24- news coverage of Eleanor Holmes Norton's commuter tax proposal

NEWS 4 April 25 – remains of 6 servicemen are on their way home from Vietnam; John McCain and a delegation of veterans are Vietnam to observe the 25th anniversary of the fall of Saigon

NEWS 4 April 25 – today Vermont's House gave its final approval to the bill endorsing gay marriages

NEWS 4 April 26 – Supreme Court took up gay rights issue, a case on whether an openly gay man can be a Boy Scout leader

NEWS 4 April 27 – report on unusually large field of candidates running in this year's Alexandria city council and mayor's races

NEWS 4 April 28 – “Millenium March on Equality” event kicked off this evening – organizers say their primary mission is to empower the gay vote in 2000

NEWS 4 April 28 – news coverage of Microsoft legal tug of war

NEWS 4 May 1 – District Heights, MD, mayoral race taking place today amid charges that the incumbent mayor improperly began his re-election campaign early

NEWS 4 May 1 - news coverage of Vieques standoff in Puerto Rico

NEWS 4 May 2- two Libyans accused in the bombing of PanAm flight 103 will go to trial tomorrow

NEWS 4 May 2 – report on DC delegate Norton’s tax proposal; it is Primary Day in the District

NEWS 4 May 3 - report on the DC primary elections, the Mayor's slate of party candidates appeared to be winning their contests

NEWS 4 May 3 - Joyce Woodson became the first African American woman to be elected to the Alexandria city council another republican, Claire Eberwein was elected to the council as well.

NEWS 4 May 5 - Chief Financial officer Valeria Holt says she'll step down May 19th, she's leaving to go work for a federal agency. The Mayor has appointed an interim Chief Financial Officer, Natwar Gandhi.

NEWS 4 May 5, 6, 11 - Interim Chief Tom Tippet of the DC fire department gave his resignation today. DC Mayor Anthony Williams expects to name a new fire chief within the next few days. It has been learned that Tippet was given special treatment by the mayor to avoid the selection committee. It is uncertain when the mayor will name a new chief.

REPORTER’S NOTEBOOK May 7 - Reporters Jerry Phillips, WBIG-FM/WTEM-AM; Dave McConnell, WTOP-AM; Jonetta Barras, The Washington Times and host Susan Kidd discuss the overwhelming re-election of Mayor Kerry J Donley and the election, for the first time, of an African American woman, Joyce Woodson to the city council.

NEWS 4 May 8 - A new set of standards approved today in Fairfax County will punish employees who discriminate against gay colleagues

NEWS 4 May 9 - Pennsylvania Congressman Kurt Weldon called for Alice Rivlin to step down. He made the comments when he joined firefighters rallying in support of Tippet.

NEWS 4 May 9 - President Clinton is urging congress to grant permanent normal trade relations to China. Former Presidents Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford were there to support him. Human rights advocates and organized labor groups are strongly opposed to the idea of permanent trading privileges

NEWS 4 May 9 - The NAACP is urging tourists to boycott South Carolina because the confederate flag flies over the state house there.

NEWS 4 May 9 - Virginian's are paying higher taxes on their cars because cars are maintaining their value longer so they're taxed at a higher rate. Governor Jim Gilmore plans will eliminate the car tax for vehicles valued at under 20-thousand dollars

NEWS 4 May 9 - Today John McCain endorsed George W. Bush

NEWS 4 May 9, 10 - Governor Jim Gilmore has altered the April proclamation to include a condemnation of slavery in the Confederate History Month and the NAACP is asking the governor to renounce the observance. NAACP leaders are threatening to boycott if Governor Gilmore doesn't renounce the observance.

NEWS 4 May 9 - The plans to revitalize the waterfront in Southeast Washington are moving forward with the announcement of a major addition to the area, a new seven story office building will be constructed. The building will be the Naval Sea System Command Headquarters.

NEWS 4 May 11 - Mayor Giuliani was non-committal today about whether he will stay in the New York senate race. Yesterday he revealed that he and his wife are separating.

NEWS 4 May 12, 16 - Superintendent Ackerman goes to San Francisco for a final interview on Sunday. The mayor met with Ackerman and business leaders to show Ackerman that the business community is ready to help her if she stays. If Ackerman stays here, she could get more power and a bigger budget.

NEWS 4 May 15 - A local woman is in the center of a Supreme Court decision. The court ruled against the federal law that lets alleged rape victims sue their attackers in civil court.

NEWS 4 May 16 - Hillary Rodham Clinton is the official Democratic nominee for a US senate seat from New York

NEWS 4 May 16 - Helen Thomas, the woman who covered the White House for United Press International for the past 40 years has resigned.

NEWS 4 May 17 - Candidate George W. Bush says he agrees with the Clinton administration on China and is urging congress to extend normal trade status.

NEWS 4 May 17 - The Montgomery County Council has approved a new budget

NEWS 4 May 17 - George W. Bush's campaign was endorsed today by former first lady Nancy Reagan, saying that he is doing a fine job of carrying on Ronald Reagan's legacy

NEWS 4 May 17, 21, 26 - Supporters of permanent trade relations with China say they are gaining momentum on Capitol Hill, but the bill continues to be an emotional issue. There are three days left before the key vote on the issue both sides say the outcome is uncertain. House members are voting whether to normalize trade relations with China. Republican leaders are backing it, but key democrats and organized labor leaders are opposed to the plan.

NEWS 4 May 18 - The D.C. financial control board may name an interim public schools superintendent as early as tomorrow. The interim superintendent may have to serve until next year while the search for a permanent successor takes place.

NEWS 4 May 19 - D.C. council passed a bill saying it wants more officers on the street

NEWS 4 May 19 - Mayor Giuliani is dropping out of the race for the New York Senate due to his health

NEWS 4 May 20 - Republican Congressman Rick Lazio has jumped into the race for New York Senate seat.

NEWS 4 May 22 - The Newseum is threatening to move to New York if they can not get a larger location in Washington

NEWS 4 May 22 - Strom Thurmond returned to the Senate floor after being released from the hospital earlier this morning.

NEWS 4 May 22 - Charlton Heston has been re-elected to a third one-year term as president of the NRA

NEWS 4 May 22 - South Africa's President Thabo Mbeki is visiting Washington. He met with President Clinton to discuss the spread of AIDS on the African continent.

NEWS 4 May 22 - Judges ruled today that congress violated free-speech rights when it sought to protect children from sex-oriented channels.

NEWS 4 May 22 - The Supreme Court ruled that anyone injured in a car built before air bags were mandatory cannot sue the automaker for failing to install them.

NEWS 4 May 24 - The debate over whether an openly gay man can be a boy scout leader moved to the Supreme Court today

NEWS 4 May 24 - While in Trinidad today, the mayor took the opportunity to promote new efforts to rid many neighbors of drugs and crime.

NEWS 4 May 28 - Defense secretary William Cohen is hoping for a more informed debate over national security in this year's Presidential Campaign. He says he approves of the ideal of Governor George W. Bush getting a security briefing from Pentagon officials

NEWS 4 May 29 - The Washington Post reports that the Department of Public Works had no written inspection of reports, no list of violations and no log documenting what the city inspectors were doing until March this year.

NEWS 4 May 30 - Mayor Anthony Williams suggested on WTOP radio that Arlene Ackerman was too sensitive to criticism and oversight.

NEWS 4 May 30 - President Clinton is in Portugal now on what is expected to be his last major trip to Europe. He praised Portugal's efforts to fight AIDS in Africa

NEWS 4 May 31 - Vice President Al Gore and Tipper Gore went to the Friendship Heights Community Center to discuss mental illness.

NEWS 4 May 31 - George W. Bush is in the west discussing his views on the military, saying that he will designate an additional 20 billion dollars for research.

NEWS 4 June 1 - The recent IMF and World Bank protests cost the District Police department more than 8 million dollars for costs of equipment and overtime.

NEWS 4 June 1 - Augusta, GA fire chief Ronnie Few could be near a decision on whether to become the District's new fire Chief.

NEWS 4 June 2 - Thousands of women and children marched in Havana to demand the return of Elian Gonzales.

NEWS 4 June 2 - A new D.C. fire chief has been elected. He is due to begin the 10th of July.

NEWS 4 June 3 - The first summit meeting between President Clinton and Russian President Vladimir Putin has concluded in Moscow. Clinton wants Russia to destroy tons of weapons grade plutonium as well as relax his opposition to a planned U.S. Missile defense system.

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK June 4 - Reporters Jerry Phillips, WBIG-FM/WTEM-AM, Dave McConnell, WTOP-AM; Adrienne Washington, The Washington Times and host Doug McKelway discuss US Senate candidate George Allen and his two week blitz of upbeat advertising to introduce himself to new voters in Northern Virginia.

NEWS 4 June 7 - President Clinton is ordering Medicare to expand its coverage so elderly and disabled can participate in clinical trials for new drugs and treatments.

NEWS 4 June 11 - Republican Presidential Candidate George W. Bush is defending the death penalty in Texas.

NEWS 4 June 12, 26 - Washington DC is going to change the slogan on their license plates to say "Taxation without Representation". The DC council approved changing the slogan on license plates.

NEWS 4 June 12, 13, 16 - Highly classified American nuclear weapons secrets are missing from Los Alamos. The material was discovered missing two months ago. The search for the files is intensifying. Members of congress are asking how the files could have been lost. Searches are focusing more on human error, but have not yet ruled out espionage. Energy secretary Bill Richardson says he's outraged by the security lapse. The two missing hard drives have been found. They were found in an area that had apparently been searched before. The drives are being evaluated.

NEWS 4 June 12 - The estate of former President Nixon will get 18 million dollars from the justice department for thousands of secretly recorded tapes and presidential papers from the government seized when Nixon resigned in 1974.

NEWS 4 June 12 - The Supreme Court ruled today that victims of job discrimination do not have to prove that an employer intended to break the law.

NEWS 4 June 13 - President Clinton and Congressional Republicans held dueling conferences today on their competing plans on prescription drugs

NEWS 4 June 13 - Syrian leader Hafez Al-Assad was laid to rest today

NEWS 4 June 15 - The historic Korean Summit agreed to unify North and South Korea. The agreement focused on ways to improve diplomatic and trade relations, but also allows the reunions of thousands of families separated by the Korean War.

NEWS 4 June 15, 16 - Commerce Secretary William Daley is heading up Vice President Al Gore's campaign for President. Daley will resign his cabinet position next month.

NEWS 4 June 15 - DC City Council are backing up a new lawsuit against congress that will allow the District to receive income taxes paid by commuters.

NEWS 4 June 16 - Key Republicans in Congress are calling for Energy Secretary Bill Richardson to resign after the security breach at Los Alamos

NEWS 4 June 16 - The US Commission on Civil Rights has concluded that the New York City Police Dept. improperly uses racial profiling to stop and question people

NEWS 4 June 19 - Supreme Court says public schools cannot allow students to lead prayers before football games

NEWS 4 June 19 - new rules allow North Korea to export raw materials and goods to the US and to open up air and shipping routes between the two countries

NEWS 4 June 20 - Montgomery County Council voted today to appeal a decision by a judge banning smoking in county bars and restaurants

NEWS 4 June 22 - Oxford University has decided not to give British Prime Minister Tony Blair an honorary degree because someone in the Blair government called Oxford "elitist".

NEWS 4 June 22 - Montgomery County Lieutenant Governor Kathleen Townsend convinced the state of Maryland to come up with 1.6 million dollars to cover the 3.2 million dollar shortfall for the english as a second language program.

NEWS 4 June 22 - An independent counsel says there is substantial evidence that Hillary Rodham Clinton played a role in the White House travel office firings.

NEWS 4 June 22, 23, 27 - A top prosecutor at the justice department wants a special council to look at the 1996 Campaign fundraising controversy concerning Al Gore. Vice President Gore has released transcripts of an interview with federal prosecutors during the 1996 elections. The prosecutors say Gore lied about his visit to a Buddhist temple. Gore denied knowing that the trip was a fundraising event. A Gore spokesman attacked leaks about the possibility of a special counsel investigation.

NEWS 4 June 22 - The American Civil Liberties Union has filed a lawsuit to overturn a new Virginia law that requires a moment of silence in public schools.

NEWS 4 June 23 - Members of the Green Party are set to nominate consumer advocate Ralph Nader for president.

NEWS 4 June 26 - A civil rights march will take place in DC in August to mark the 37th anniversary of the march on Washington and Martin Luther King Junior's "I have a dream speech"

NEWS 4 June 26, 27 - The US Navy has launched another round of military exercises on Vieques Island in Puerto Rico. Many protestors are threatening to stop the military. Puerto Rican leaders plan to talk to President Clinton

NEWS 4 June 26 - The Supreme Court threw out California's blanket primary system, saying that it is Unconstitutional.

NEWS 4 June 26 - In a seven to two vote today, the Supreme Court voted that the Miranda warnings are a fundamental right.

NEWS 4 June 27 - Attorney General Janet Reno defended herself before a senate committee for not requesting an investigation into Al Gore's fundraising activities in 1996.

NEWS 4 June 28 - With Elian's case closed, the Federal and local government have added up how much it cost. The justice department says it cost nearly 2 million dollars, and 81 thousand dollars for Montgomery County.

NEWS 4 June 28 - The Supreme Court struck down a Nebraska law that bans late term abortions, saying that the law is too broad and does not include an exception when a woman's health is at risk.

NEWS 4 June 28 - Mayor Anthony Williams announced a multi-million dollar initiative to revitalize Georgia Avenue. The project will encompass about 65 blocks

NEWS 4 June 28 - A House debate began today over the Republicans' prescription drug plan for medicare. The Democrats' version nearly doubles the cost of the Republicans' plan. Both parties are accusing the other of political grandstanding.

NEWS 4 June 29 - DC Mayor Marion Barry says he likely won't seek public office again. Instead he plans to focus on private and government efforts to curb youth violence.

NEWS 4 June 29 - President Clinton and Prime Minister Tony Blair will take questions on the internet July 14th.

NEWS 4 June 29 - President Clinton has chosen Normal Mineta to succeed William Daley as the head of the Commerce Department

NEWS 4 June 30, 3 - Tomorrow the Confederate battle flag will be removed from the top of the South Carolina Statehouse. The flag will be moved next to a Confederate war memorial. Some people are not satisfied with the compromise

NEWS 4 June 30 - Congress passed a measure to reimburse the District 5 million dollars for the money local officials used during World Bank and IMF protests last April.

NEWS 4 June 30 - A Committee from the Arkansas Supreme Court is suing President Clinton to try to strip him of his law license.

III. HEALTH

WRC-TV covers issues related to health care, maintaining and improving health, and health-related breakthroughs.

NEWS 4 April 3- Nick Irons set out today on a 10 thousand mile mission to trace the perimeter of the US on his bicycle to raise money for multiple sclerosis.

NEWS 4 April 3- today a new national organization for women with heart disease held a luncheon here in Washington

NEWS 4 April 5- Teenagers participated in the fifth annual "kick butts day" today

NEWS 4 April 5- A drug that's a mirror image of the cancer genes zeros in on those genes to stop malignancy at its roots to fight skin cancer

NEWS 4 April 10- the National Academy of Sciences have increased the amount of vitamins that people should take

NEWS 4 April 11- Scientists have found a specific link between sleep apnea and hypertension

NEWS 4 April 12- some research shows that the death rate from asthma among African-Americans is three times higher than it is among Whites

NEWS 4 April 13- Officials at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in Rockville say they're taking steps to win back their accreditation

NEWS 4 April 14- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention may soon recommend people start getting annual flu shots at a younger age

NEWS 4 April 18 – today the government approved a new antibiotic to fight infections that are resistant to other drugs

NEWS 4 April 20 – new study shows smoking does not reduce a person's risk for developing Alzheimer's Disease

NEWS 4 April 25 – study finds that people with high levels of iron in their blood may suffer worse effects from strokes. New study from the National Cancer Institute shows deaths from prostate cancer have dropped dramatically in the last ten years; report on mosquito-borne disease called West Nile Virus spreading to our area this summer.

NEWS 4 April 26 – new report finds that prices of 50 drugs used by seniors have gone up at twice the rate of inflation. Hawaii is on its way to becoming the first state to approve of medical marijuana through legislation. Gov't is looking into renewing funding for stem cell research.

NEWS 4 April 27 – New York Mayor Giuliani revealed today he has prostate cancer

NEWS 4 April 28 - the Federal Trade Commission issued a warning that parents should talk to doctors before giving vitamins or herbal supplements to children

NEWS 4 May 1 - American College of Physicians and the American Society of Internal Medicine released guidelines on the use of St. John's wort to treat depression saying that it is only effective in the short term and is only useful for mild depression

NEWS 4 May 1 - A new study shows that doctors underestimate the survival rate of premature babies and overestimate their chances of having a serious handicap

NEWS 4 May 2 - Dr. Donald Lindenberg from the National Library of Medicine speaks about medlineplus, the National Library of Medicine's website

NEWS 4 May 2 - Doctors at Johns Hopkins have found that the human papilloma virus, H-P-V, a STD has been linked to cancers in the head and neck

NEWS 4 May 2 - The American Academy of Pediatrics issued its first guidelines for diagnosing ADHD the academy hopes that this will prevent children from being misdiagnosed

NEWS 4 May 3, 4 - studies of asthma show that it is the number one health problem facing children and is killing twice as many people as it did two decades ago

NEWS 4 May 4 – NIH is advising doctors to pay more attention of high systolic blood pressure saying that systolic hypertension is a major threat as well as diastolic

NEWS 4 May 4 - New evidence shows that autism and mental retardation are present at birth, proteins associated with brain development can be found in infants who were later diagnosed with autism or mental retardation that were not found in infants who developed normally

NEWS 4 May 4- National Safe Kids week begins today

NEWS 4 May 4 - coverage on how people are managing their allergies with the high pollen count

NEWS 4 May 4, 5 - lawmakers are asking for 15 million dollars to research the West Nile Virus, a mosquito-borne encephalitis that plagued New York City last year, before another breakout

NEWS 4 May 4 - the government has approved "Eros", the first medical device to treat female sexual arousal disorder. 40 million American women suffer from this disorder at some point

NEWS 4 May 5 - The three day Avon breast cancer walk began today, the walkers cover 60 miles on foot each walker raised at least 18-hundred dollars

NEWS 4 May 9 - Researchers at Dartmouth college say that after the age of 75, the benefits of cancer screenings drop drastically and are not as necessary

NEWS 4 May - Xenical, a fat-blocker, is the latest drug to help people lose weight and may also help prevent diabetes; for now it is only approved for weight loss

NEWS 4 May 9 - Researchers in the Human Genome Project at NIH have completed mapping the 21st chromosome, the chromosome associated with Alzheimer's, Lou Gehrig's and other diseases

NEWS 4 May 15- McGhan, the maker of silicone breast implants says there is evidence that the implants do not cause auto-immune diseases as many lawsuits alleged

NEWS 4 May 15 - A new procedure has been created that removes eye cancer without destroying vision

NEWS 4 May 15 - Saccharin has been taken off the governments list of cancer-causing chemicals, the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences shows that there is no clear association with saccharin and cancer in people

NEWS 4 May 16-A new procedure called laser skin re-surfacing can erase wrinkles and scars in the face and can cost less than plastic surgery

NEWS 4 May 17 - scientists are exploring a substance that might help our bodies fight the aging process

NEWS 4 May 17 - A study in the New England Journal of Medicine shows that psychotherapy combined with an anti-depressants works better at treating depression than solely one or the other

NEWS 4 May 18 - report on male menopause

NEWS 4 May 19 - report on AIDS and seniors, most seniors don't know the dangers of AIDS because the information is being targeted to a younger audience

NEWS 4 May 22 - A local restaurant has been sited in the Wall Street Journal for offering "discomfort foods"

NEWS 4 May 22 - An experimental drug, C-225, tested on people with several different kinds of colon cancer is showing promising results. The drug has been successful at curing head and neck cancer and is being tested in pancreatic and lung cancers.

NEWS 4 May 23 - A new study on Viagra shows that it does not help women with sexual dysfunction.

NEWS 4 May 23 - Update on a mother and daughter fighting cancer that NEWS4 profiled a few years ago

NEWS 4 May 23 - Michael J. Fox lobbied on Capitol Hill today, he says he believes its possible to find a cure for Parkinson's disease within the next 10 years.

NEWS 4 May 23 - A new study suggests that coffee could offer some protection against Parkinson's disease. Researchers say its too early to recommend increasing caffeine consumption as a preventive measure.

NEWS 4 May 24 - The government is looking into renewing the funding for stem cell research.

NEWS 4 May 24 - Story on Michelle Peterson, a woman who NEWS4 did a report on 3 years ago after surgery

NEWS 4 May 25 - Doctors have invented a pill size camera that can travel through the human digestive tract and relay detailed images for up to six hours. The first US clinical trials are set to start later this year.

NEWS 4 May 25 - A new study indicates that chest compressions alone could save more lives than CPR that includes mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

NEWS 4 May 25 - Report on computer devices for the disabled

NEWS 4 May 25 - The Surgeon General says too many people are still suffering from oral diseases. A newly-released report aims at getting better dental care to low-income Americans.

NEWS 4 May 26 - DC school officials have released encouraging results from Stanford Nine tests. More 10th graders are performing at or above grade level in math and there was a 10% jump in reading levels in 8th graders.

NEWS 4 May 30 - The government has just released new diet recommendations for Americans. Some nutrition experts say the guidelines are too lenient regarding fattening foods.

NEWS 4 May 30 - The birth rate among Maryland teenagers has dropped for the seventh year in a row. It is now 19% below the national average.

NEWS 4 May 30 - A new government study finds that smokers are four times more likely than nonsmokers to develop gum disease that can lead to tooth loss.

NEWS 4 June 1, 2 - The National Race for the Cure will take place this weekend on the Mall. It is the largest 5K race in the world and all of the proceeds go to breast cancer research. News4's Doreen Gentzler served as the MC at a rally this afternoon on the grounds of the Washington Monument. The rally honored "Team Hope" comprised of thousands of breast cancer survivors.

NEWS 4 June 7 - According to a new survey, most people are satisfied with their health care plan.

NEWS 4 June 8 - There is a new procedure for treating prostate cancer that is done quickly with fewer side effects than traditional treatment

NEWS 4 June 12 - The CEO of Phillip Morris is going to court in hopes of minimizing punitive damages in the smokers' class-action suits.

NEWS 4 June 12 - Seven children have come down with leukemia in a local neighborhood. The health department says it could be months before they could rule out any causes.

NEWS 4 June 12 - The world health organization is warning people that more and more germs are becoming germ resistant.

NEWS 4 June 12 - Supreme Court justices ruled today that HMO's that give doctors financial bonuses to keep treatment costs down can not be sued in federal court.

NEWS 4 June 16 - There is a new treatment for diabetes that does not require insulin shots.

NEWS 4 June 19 - a 60-yr-old man who claims he uses marijuana for medicinal purposes has been arrested for the second time on drug charges.

NEWS 4 June 20 - new study concludes that exercise can help patients with chronic heart failure

NEWS 4 June 20 - a national stroke coalition announced it is creating guidelines for hospitals to create stroke centers and other programs to reduce death and disability from this condition

NEWS 4 June 20 - health experts say it could be a long summer in terms of monitoring the West Nile Virus

NEWS 4 June 26 - The FTC and seven US cigar manufacturers have decided to place warning labels on cigar packages.

NEWS 4 June 26 - Researchers have deciphered the human genetic code. Mapping the human genome may lead to the answers to many human disorders.

NEWS 4 June 26 - The Red Cross is making an appeal for blood donations.

NEWS 4 June 27 - Several studies are offering new evidence that taking cholesterol-lowering drugs can help treat osteoporosis

NEWS 4 June 27 - A study of hundreds of heart attack patients found that as many as 1/3 did not suffer any chest pain and those people were less likely to seek help and twice as likely to die from the attack.

NEWS 4 June 27 - A report of the Aids virus suggests that the epidemic will wipe out half of the teenagers in African countries.

NEWS 4 June 27, 29 - A hearing will begin next month on whether or not John Hinckley can make unescorted trips. A Judge has formally dismissed the case for letting John Hinkley out of St. Elizabeth's hospital. Hinkley was found not guilty for the reason of insanity in the 1981 shooting of President Reagan.

NEWS 4 June 29 - A new study on Aspirin suggests that taking a low dose of it every day to reduce the risk of a heart attack may not be good for men with high blood pressure.

NEWS 4 June 29 - Researchers in Sweden found that heart attack and blood clot patients who took Coumadin were at a lower risk of developing cancer.

NEWS 4 June 29 - A study released on AIDS today looks at the effects of AIDS on children with infected parents.

IV. VIOLENCE/CRIME

WRC-TV regularly covers issues related to crime, crime prevention, and anti-violence activities.

NEWS 4 April 2,3- a homeless man found the body of a woman underneath some steps at Shaw Junior High School today

NEWS 4 April 3- 75 year old Timothy Chang was sentenced today to spend the rest of his life behind bars for murdering a 51 year old last year

NEWS 4 April 3- Nelson Robles, who was tied to a light pole by policemen four years ago, was awarded more than one hundred thousand dollars today

NEWS 4 April 3- the prosecutor in Prince George's County says there's troubling evidence of injury to a man who died while in police custody

NEWS 4 April 3- Kenneth Payne is going to prison for 16 years for stealing a snicker bar

NEWS 4 April 5, 26, 27, 28; May 2, 3, 4, 8, 12, 24 - news coverage of murder of Clara Pantazes, which was described as execution style; Clara Pantazes' husband has arrested and charged with hiring a woman to kill his wife. Dean Pantazes, a bail bondsman accused of hiring someone to kill his wife was denied bail today. The person he hired to commit the murder, Jermel Chambers, confessed to the murder. Chambers has been ordered held without bond, last week, Dean Pantazes was ordered held without bond. Pantazes' family asked a judge to rehear their case and have him released on bond. Prince George's County police have found what they believe is the murder weapon used to kill Clara Pantazes the gun is being tested. A judge agreed to have another bond hearing for Pantazes, his mother-in-law thinks he should be released. The judge denied the request by the attorneys for a new hearing saying that their arguments did not meet the legal standards. In today's trial, the judge ruled that Pantazes was not being held illegally and he remains in jail without bond. Dino Pantazes was arrested today.

NEWS 4 April 5- an American citizen in Russia has been arrested and detained on spy charges

NEWS 4 April 5- Police in Prince George's County are canvassing neighborhoods in the District in hopes of solving a murder mystery

NEWS 4 April 5- police in Los Angeles are investigating a terrible case of road rage involving two children who were shot at

NEWS 4 April 5- a radio talk show in Miami about the Elian Gonzalez case generated death threats against President Clinton and attorney general Janet Reno

NEWS 4 April 6- a man charged in the hit and run killing of an American University student today got 9 to 27 months in jail

NEWS 4 April 7- Arson is suspected in the fire at a suburban Detroit house that killed 5 children and hurt 4 others

NEWS 4 April 7- a former nurse is being held without bond tonight after pleading guilty to stealing painkillers at Georgetown University Medical Center

NEWS 4 April 7- the Justice Department will not file criminal charges in connection with the Pentagon's release of information from Linda Tripp's personnel file

NEWS 4 April 8- a young couple from Virginia is under arrest tonight charged with killing their newborn baby

NEWS 4 April 8, 18 - a 7-year-old boy who was in critical condition after he was struck by a hit and run driver in Southeast died, police are asking for information

NEWS 4 April 10- for the second time this year, police have taken convicted killer Hadden Clark to Massachusetts to search for more victims

NEWS 4 April 10- Some parents of US Marines who were killed during a training mission this weekend say they are outraged

NEWS 4 April 11- Virginia Congressman Jim Moran says he wants to help an 8-year-old boy who allegedly tried to hijack his car

NEWS 4 April 11, 13,14,15,17- IMF and World Bank protest continue; George Washington University is canceling classes on Saturday and Monday due to the protests; Security around DC Mayor Anthony Williams has been increased because of the protests

NEWS 4 April 11- a guilty verdict in the District today for a rape suspect who was arrested after his victim spotted him at Union Station

NEWS 4 April 12- Police in Detroit have arrested a man that the police chief says "created terror around the world" by killing prostitutes in Detroit

NEWS 4 April 12- an Ohio jury today threw out the claim of Dr. Sam Sheppard's son that his father was wrongfully imprisoned for one of the most widely publicized murders of the century

NEWS 4 April 12- complaints filed against Prince Georges County police increased dramatically last year by 63 percent

NEWS 4 April 12- police are asking the public for help in finding a man who carjacked a woman in the Pentagon City mail parking garage

NEWS 4 April 13- a teenager from Virginia has been sentenced to 43 years in prison for his role in a brutal crime against a mentally disabled man

NEWS 4 April 13- a woman from North Potomac, Maryland was sentenced to 6 months in jail today for a hit and run accident that killed a 14 year old boy

NEWS 4 April 13- drug enforcement administrations says it has dismantled a major drug ring that used the FedEx shipping company to distribute marijuana across the nation

NEWS 4 April 13- a US park police officer who was shot in the face this morning is in critical condition tonight at a local hospital

NEWS 4 April 14- the son of NAACP President has been sentenced on drug and weapons charges

NEWS 4 April 18 – Montgomery County's Chief Prosecutor says he will seek maximum penalty for daycare worker who pleaded guilty in the death of a two year old boy

NEWS 4 April 18 – a laptop computer with highly classified information is missing from the State Department

NEWS 4 April 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 – an eight year old boy was randomly stabbed to death in front of his great-grandmother's house this afternoon; police are asking for help in locating the killer; reward was offered in the case by the NAACP

NEWS 4 April 20 – today members of the Columbine HS in Colorado came together to remember the victims of last year's tragedy

NEWS 4 April 21 – a domestic dispute ended tragically when a man pushed a car into the path of an oncoming train; two women and two children were killed

NEWS 4 April 21 – the Saint Mary's College basketball coach who was accused of rape was acquitted by a jury today

NEWS 4 April 23, 24 – Prince George's County Police are searching for a man who raped a 14 year old girl in broad daylight and could be responsible for another attack

ZOO Shootings

NEWS 4 April 24, 25, 26; May 1, 12, 15 – news coverage of shooting at the National Zoo by 16 year old Antoine Jones; 7 children were shot, the youngest being an 11 year old. Gunman will be tried as an adult. At a preliminary hearing, police testified that several of the victims were members of a group that had been fighting with Jones and that 2 additional witnesses were found. A 16 year-old boy is charged with the shootings at the National Zoo. Antoine Jones will stay in jail until his trial on September 12th.

NEWS 4 April 24; May 2, 16, 22 – Shane DeLeon is scheduled to go on trial tomorrow in the hit-and-run death of an AU student last year. The trial for Shane DeLeon has started, he argues that he was not driving recklessly, was not drink and had no idea he had hit a person. Jurors went home tonight without reaching a verdict, after seven hours of deliberations they asked the judge the legal definition of "cause of death" and "proximate cause of death" deliberations will continue tomorrow morning. After 14 hours of deliberations there is still no verdict, deliberations will continue tomorrow morning. The jury in the case says it's deadlocked, the defense attorney asked for a mistrial but the judge denied the motion and told the jury to continue deliberations tomorrow. The jurors came to a verdict after 26 hours of deliberations. DeLeon was convicted of negligent homicide and is scheduled to be sentenced in July

NEWS 4 April 25 –a gun inside a piece of luggage went off while passengers were aboard an Alaska Airlines jet in Portland, OR; owner was charged with reckless endangerment

NEWS 4 April 25 – Carl Cooper plead guilty today to murder, attempted murder and at least 6 armed robberies in a plea bargain deal in the Starbucks triple murder case

NEWS 4 April 26, May 26 – Columbine HS parents are outraged that a tape of the shootings is being sold to the public. The Littleton fire department has shown the video about 50 times at presentations across the country.

NEWS 4 April 28 - President Clinton and Mayor Anthony Williams announced another guy buy back program for the District, it would take place on June 23rd and 24th

NEWS 4 April 28, May 1, 18- Six people were shot in Pittsburgh today within a 20 mile area, the suspect is being held without bond. Richard Baumhammers is charged with killing 5 people; three immigrants, a Jewish woman and a black man, police found a three-page manifesto indicating he was trying to form a political party opposed to immigration. Richard Baumhammers has been found incompetent to stand trial and is being transferred to a state mental hospital for treatment.

NEWS 4 April 29; May 11, 13, 16, 17, 22, 25, 27; June 5, 21 - Update on the stabbing of Kevin Shifflett. A cab driver told police he dropped off a man with a similar description of the subject off near the murder site. A detective and police photographer flew over the murder site today to look for more clues into the murder. Students have organized a benefit performance to honor Shifflett proceeds will go to a crime victims fund and an arts scholarship fund. A group of volunteers searched a neighborhood in Oxen Hill where the suspect was last seen. Police will post a 6 foot banner in the area that will feature a sketch of the suspect and the police stations number, the reward is not more than 55 thousand dollars. Police have learned that the suspect was seen in the business district of Oxen Hill and Livingston roads shortly after the murder and may have tries to catch another cab. Police are displaying a giant banner with the suspect's description on the beltway in Prince George's county. The reward for information leading to the murderer of Kevin Shifflett is expected to go up to \$100,000. Volunteers are trying to catch the killer of Kevin Shifflett. They are going door to door and handing out flyers in Oxon Hill. Police say the suspect is exhibiting some unusual behavior, which might lead to finding him. Police have found and spoken with a man who might be a witness. Police say he was not cooperative and did not produce any new leads.

NEWS 4 May 1, 15, 23, 25; June 5, 9, 12 - A judge in Atlanta ruled that three previous assault charges against Ray Lewis can not be admitted as evidence for his murder trial, he is accused of killing two men after a Super Bowl party in Atlanta. Jury selection is underway in the Ray Lewis murder trial Prosecutors told the jury that the facts will show that Lewis is guilty. The defense says it will produce a witness who will testify that he saw one of the victims being stabbed and that the killer is not Lewis or any of the men on trial. The Judge in the case is reprimanding the prosecutors for not telling the defense attorneys that a witness had changed his story. Ray Lewis is no longer facing murder charges. He worked out a plea agreement with prosecutors. Ray Lewis was at the Ravens facility today holding a press conference. He says he is angry at himself and the prosecutor. A defense attorney today accused Ray Lewis today, after the charges against him were dropped. The jury acquitted Joseph Sweeting and Reginald Oakley today.

NEWS 4 May 1 - Police say the body found in dead in Hyattsville had apparent stab wounds the body has not been identified, and there are no suspects

NEWS 4 May 1, 15 - Family, friends and neighbors of Paul Sharma came together for a prayer vigil in his memory today, he was stabbed 8 days ago inside the super 8 store he owned. Members of the Mount Vernon-Lee chamber of commerce announced they are establishing a 9-thousand dollar award for information leading to an arrest and indictment for his murder.

NEWS 4 May 1 - District police are looking for a driver who hit a pedestrian, police found the abandoned car 20 blocks away, the pedestrian is in serious condition with two broken legs

NEWS 4 May 1 - A security breach at BWI ceased flights for several hours

NEWS 4 May 1, 2,12 - Andrew McGill JR, a DC police officer is scheduled to go on trial he is being accused of being part of a drug gang operating in the district and in Prince George's county. Officer McGill was found guilty of conspiracy to distribute marijuana today and was acquitted on the charge of interstate auto theft.

NEWS 4 May 2 - Willis Haynes is charged with murdering 3 young women, this is the first death penalty case ever to be tried in Greenbelt, he goes on trial in September

NEWS 4 May 2- Cab drivers are taking steps to improve safety, the drivers are given three options, install plastic partitions or video cameras, or equip cars with an emergency 9-1-1 system

NEWS 4 May 2 - Two Egyptian suspects in the bombing of two American embassies in Africa may be extradited to the US, a British court ordered their extradition today but they have the right to appeal the order

NEWS 4 May 2- police in Arlington are looking for a carjacker who stole a woman's car while her 11-year old daughter was still in the car, the girl fell out of the car and was not seriously injured. The same car was used later that day in two robberies in Arlington

NEWS 4 May 3 - The murder trial of Righard Spicknall has been delayed, he is charged with shooting his children and telling police a phony carjacking story, he entered a plea of not

criminally responsible, lawyers have been given more time to study the suspects psychological report

NEWS 4 May 3, 4 - Carlos Mejia threatened to commit suicide by jumping off the I-95 bridge, he jumped off the bridge and landed on a lane of I-95 he is in critical condition at INOVA Fairfax hospital

NEWS 4 May 4, 5 - Police in Fredrick are investigating a double murder. Cedric Brinkley and Wilmon Nash were killed, police say Brinkley killed Nash, police are trying to figure out whether the two shot each other or if there was a third party involved.

NEWS 4 May 4 - the reward for information leading to the person who stabbed an 8-year old in Alexandria has increased to 50,000 dollars

NEWS 4 May 4- School bus cameras are being proposed for school in Montgomery County next year, they will videotape the children to catch kids who distract bus drivers

NEWS 4 May 4 - The trial of two Libyans accused of bombing Pan Ma flight 103 began today in the Netherlands the defendants pleaded not guilty to the charges

NEWS 4 May 5 - Prosecutors in Howard County are re-considering whether to put Linda Tripp on trial for allegedly breaking Maryland's wiretapping law

NEWS 4 May 5, June 15, 16 - Prosecutors say Gregory Augustus was driving on a suspended license the night his car allegedly hit five-year-old Byron Lewis JR. Gregory Augustus was indicted on first degree assault.

NEWS 4 May 6 - The Irish Republican Army agreed to lay down its arms and render its arsenal "completely and verifiably beyond use"

NEWS 4 May 6 - Fredrick held a rally today to demand justice and equality, they say that small communities are not immune to big city discrimination

NEWS 4 May 8 - A Roman Catholic Priest in Ohio refused to identify the man who stabbed him because the Priest had just heard the man's confession, the Priest is hospitalized and in good condition

NEWS 4 May 9 - There is evidence that racial profiling, the practice of suspecting someone of criminal activity because of their race, is being used in police departments around the country, police in Fredrick are voluntarily keeping logs to make sure they aren't practicing it

NEWS 4 May 9 - A former Governor of Louisiana Edwin Edwards was found guilty of racketeering charges today

NEWS 4 May 9, 20 - 16 murders have been linked to a drug gang in Northeast in Southeast. The leader, Kevin Gray has been charged with 15 murders himself. Police have dismantled the gang

NEWS 4 May 9 - Police in Montgomery County are investigating 3 separate incidents of young girls being approached by a stranger who exposed himself to them, police are not clear if the three cases are connected

NEWS 4 May 12 - Walter Silver died this week in Suffolk Virginia, he was sitting on his front porch when somebody shot him. The neighbors said they heard gunshots but were afraid to call the authorities.

NEWS 4 May 13 - Redskins Fullback Michael Sellers was arrested this morning and charged with driving while intoxicated he was released on his own recognizance, his car was impounded

NEWS 4 May 15 - Seven middle school students from Montgomery County are criminally charged with falsely accusing their gym teacher of sexual misconduct, after the teacher was suspended, the girls recanted their stories. They will be charged as juveniles

NEWS 4 May 15, June 15, 16, 19, 21 – David Starkley confessed to the murder of an elderly woman in Maryland. Police say his brother confessed as well. A judge ruled that the confessions would be heard at the trial. Daniel Starkley was convicted of second-degree murder. Daniel was also found guilty of the attempted murder of two other women who were in the car with Germaine Clarkston. David Starkley's murder trial is expected to start Monday. Potential jurors are being questioned in Chestertown. The opening arguments took place today in the trial of David Starkley. The jury has been deliberating all afternoon in the case of David Starkley.

NEWS 4 May 15 – President Clinton announced additional money to help supply police officers with bullet proof vests

NEWS 4 May 15 - A man took 25 children and 10 staff members hostage at a nursery school in Norway he released all the hostages after 8 hours. His lawyers say that the he was charged in a rape case and was involved in a child custody dispute

NEWS 4 May 15 - DC is spending \$250,000 of its own money to buy back guns and HUD is donating one hundred-thousand dollars.

NEWS 4 May 15 - The National Organization for women is denouncing today's Supreme Court decision to throw out a part of the violence against women act.

NEWS 4 May 16 - Police in Baltimore and the FBI have a Baltimore police officer, Michael Snow in custody for stealing nearly 300,000 dollars during four robberies between last year and 1996

NEWS 4 May 16, 17 - Rhode Island Congressman Patrick Kennedy will not face criminal charges in connection with a confrontation with an airport security guard in LA police say the matter has been resolved. Police in LA released a videotape of the confrontation between the congressman and the security guard.

NEWS 4 May 16 - Police in the District are investigating a string of robberies outside of Georgetown last night. In four of the 5 cases, suspect threatened victims with handguns. The robbers got less than 100 dollars

NEWS 4 May 17 - A man interrupted a House Agricultural Hearing on China trade today by smashing two glass bottles together, threatening to kill himself unless he was heard. The man is facing federal charges

NEWS 4 May 17 - Two suspects in the 1963 bombing of an Alabama church surrendered today, Thomas Blanton and Bobby Frank Cherry, two former Ku Klux Klan members surrendered themselves both of the two other suspects have died. The explosion killed 4 black girls.

NEWS 4 May 17 - Police are investigating a drive by shooting in which a mother was killed in front of her children, another woman was also injured.

NEWS 4 May 17 - A man in Ozark Alabama shot his ex-wife and her boyfriend to death, and then shot himself at a ballpark where youth leagues play baseball

NEWS 4 May 17 - Police in Virginia made an arrest in a bombing that killed a Tammy Lynn Baker, prosecutors say Coleman Johnson, JR committed the murder to avoid making child support payments

NEWS 4 May 17 - New Hampshire State Senate voted to repeal the death penalty, the house has already approved the appeal, but the governor has promised to veto the bill

NEWS 4 May 18 - Angel Maturino Resendiz, the man known as the railroad killer has been found guilty of capital murder in Texas. The jury is not hearing testimony on whether he should be sentenced to death

NEWS 4 May 19 - Police in Prince George's County are investigating the death of a man who has been detained for disorderly conduct, a man assaulted a security guard in a Target store. During a violent struggle, the man lost consciousness and was taken to a hospital where he was pronounced dead.

NEWS 4 May 19 - A fire broke out in the Ybor City section of Tampa, authorities say at least 36 fire have been deliberately set there in the past year.

NEWS 4 May 20 - Montgomery County Police are asking for the public's help in finding a man suspected of sexually assaulting a woman in Silver Spring. Police have a good composite drawing of the suspect a thousand-dollar reward is available.

NEWS 4 May 20 - Police came to the home of Kendal Grant after receiving a report of a burglary in progress, Grant turned his rottweiler on them and then attempted to attack the officers with a knife, police then fired at Grant and killed him

NEWS 4 May 20 - an 11-month old baby was shot and killed at an apartment in Fairfax

NEWS 4 May 21 - Christian Ludwig, a dental student at UMBC was stabbed and killed, a woman who was being attacked came to Ludwig's apartment for help and the attacker stabbed him.

NEWS 4 May 21 - An Alexandria woman, Victoria Battista is under arrest in connection with a hit and run accident, a man was trying to cross the street when he was hit by a car and killed

NEWS 4 May 22 - A 10 year-old boy from Easton MD has been arrested for trying to break into another child's house. He wanted to steal his Pokemon cards. The police charged him with fourth degree burglary and malicious destruction of property.

NEWS 4 May 22 - D.C. police Chief Charles Ramsy says last week's gun buyback was a success, but his critics say it was a failure.

NEWS 4 May 22 - A D.C. police officer was shot in New York City this morning. The officer and another man were leaving a nightclub when someone in a passing car started shooting. Both men were shot but their wounds were not thought to be life-threatening.

NEWS 4 May 22 - Donato Dalrymple, the man who helped rescue Elian Gonzales from the water has filed a federal lawsuit over the raid that snatched the boy from his relatives in Miami. He says that his constitutional protections against unlawful search and seizure were violated during the raid and is suing for 100-million dollars.

NEWS 4 May 23 - Police in the district are investigating an incident where an officer shot an unarmed man in the jaw.

NEWS 4 May 23 - One person is dead following a shooting in Northeast. Police say a man came out of an alley and fired into a group of people sitting on a porch. Two people were hit one was announced dead on arrival. Police were unable to catch the suspect.

NEWS 4 May 23 - A 6 year-old is in critical condition following a hit and run accident. Police found the car but have not found the driver.

NEWS 4 May 23 - The BWI airport was shut down today because a man was found to be carrying a suspicious package. The package was inspected and did not contain anything dangerous, but the man was found to be carrying 2 snakes under his shirt. The man was questioned and released.

NEWS 4 May 23 - Alaska airlines has pulled its advertising from the Seattle Times after an employee of the newspaper altered the ad copy.

NEWS 4 May 24 - Police are looking for Dante McKoy, a serial bank robber

NEWS 4 May 24 - Police in Prince George's County are asking for the public's help in finding a man suspected of raping two young girls last February.

NEWS 4 May 25, 28 - Five restaurant workers were killed and two others were injured at a Wendy's restaurant in Queens, New York. Two gunmen walked in for an apparent robbery attempt. The men forced the workers into the freezer and shot and killed 5 of them. Wendy's is offering a \$50,000 award. The associated press reports police are looking for a former employee in connection with the shootings. The 2 suspects in the murders at Wendy's last week were arraigned today.

NEWS 4 May 25 - Two veteran journalists were killed in Sierra Leone. Kurt Schork, Miguel Gil Moreno and 4 Sierra Leone soldiers were killed with suspected rebels ambushed their cars.

NEWS 4 May 25 - A report by the inspector general at the Pentagon says top officials at the Pentagon violated Linda Tripp's privacy rights.

NEWS 4 May 25 - An undercover investigation has revealed major breaches of security at some of the most secure buildings in the world. Undercover investigators got through 19 federal buildings and two airports.

NEWS 4 May 27 – Funeral services were held for Ryan Pestun today.

NEWS 4 May 28 – 73-year old Ettie Weinberger is missing. She left her residence in Fairfax County Thursday afternoon. Police say she may pose a threat to herself and she may require medication.

NEWS 4 May 28 – A man shot and killed a teenager in Mount Rainer. Police are still searching for the killer.

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK May 28 - Reporters Jerry Phillips, WBIG-FM/WTEM-AM; Dave McConnell, WTOP-AM; Jonetta Barras, The Washington Times and host Doug McKelway discuss the FBI investigation into two questionable police brutality incidents which caused reaction from Police Chief and citizens.

NEWS 4 May 29 – Metro's website was taken over by a hacker today. The schedules on the website were replaced with an obscene message.

NEWS 4 May 29; June 3 – Montgomery County Police are looking for leads in the disappearance of a Bethesda woman. Alison Thresher has been missing for over a week; family and friends handed out flyers asking for any information.

NEWS 4 June 1 - Tom Kummer, a Swiss magazine reporter has been discovered of publishing false stories about celebrities.

NEWS 4 June 1 - Larry Henderson, a contractor from Virginia is accused of bilking his elderly customers of more than 1.3 million dollars. Henderson is currently serving 2 consecutive 2 year prison terms for obtaining money under false pretenses.

NEWS 4 June 1 - Brumen Alvarez, a man convicted of 5 counts of murder and 1 count of rape in Potomac in 1995 has filed a motion for himself saying that his lawyers should have filed an insanity defense.

NEWS 4 June 1 - Virginia state police are looking for a driver who fired several shots into an SUV on the beltway last night.

NEWS 4 June 1 - The man who posed as the nephew of Stephen Spielberg has been arrested and charged with sexual assault of a teenage boy and contributing to the delinquency of a teenage girl.

NEWS 4 June 1 - U.S. Park police are looking for the person who shot and killed a woman as she drove on the B-W parkway this morning. The woman was an exotic dancer at the Skylark Lounge.

NEWS 4 June 2 - There will be no charges filed against students at Georgetown University for the death of David Shick.

NEWS 4 June 3 - Two people have been killed by a drive-by shooting in the District. Police say one car drove up behind another car and began firing. The shooters got away.

NEWS 4 June 7, 8, 12, 23 - District police are examining a double shooting in Georgetown this afternoon. The FBI is helping police search for suspects in the shootings of two jewelry salesmen in Georgetown. The two men are hospitalized and in critical condition. Police have identified a suspect, Zachary Jay Wages. Police have released a picture of the suspect and are asking for help to find him

NEWS 4 June 8 - Samuel Shabazz was arrested in Los Angeles in connection with the murder of Lori Gonzales, the granddaughter of the LA police chief

NEWS 4 June 8 - Two organizers of the World Bank IMF protest appeared in court today, charged with failure to obey an officer during an emergency.

NEWS 4 June 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 - Father Wells, a priest at Mother Seton Parish church was murdered. Montgomery County police are getting a clearer picture of why Father Wells was killed. They are not revealing any information. A vigil was held today for Father Wells. Police revealed how Monsignor Wells was killed, they say he was stabbed to death. Police are still looking for clues and that they can not yet speculate how close they are to making an arrest. Funeral services were held today. Montgomery County Police will be setting up roadblocks in Germantown tomorrow passing out flyers in hopes of finding clues. Police have handed out 65 hundred flyers. Parishioners started hearing about the arrest at mass this morning. Police told them that Wells was killed during a robbery attempt. Robert Lucas has confessed to the murder. The mother of Robert Lucas said she spoke to her son in jail and he said he was high the night Monsignor Wells was killed. Lucas is being held without bond. Prosecutors say a footprint found at the murder scene matches boots worn by Lucas.

NEWS 4 June 9 - A Man was struck by a car and killed as he was trying to cross route 50 last night. Police are still searching for the driver of the car.

NEWS 4 June - 9 - Police are searching for a man who robbed a convenience store in Fort Washington. The suspect took some cash and shot one of the clerks.

NEWS 4 June 12 - A vigil is planned tomorrow for Grace Edwards, a woman who was shot and killed in South East.

NEWS 4 June 12 - Police have a man in custody today who is charged with running a woman's car off the road, beating her and attempting to sexually assault her.

NEWS 4 June 12 - Jury selection is under way in the trial of David Starkley who is accused of murdering an elderly woman.

NEWS 4 June 13 - Cory Erving, the son of basketball player Julius Erving, is missing.

NEWS 4 June 13, 16; July 3 - police in New York are being criticized for the way they responded to reports of women being attacked by a mob in central park. Victims say that police dismissed their complaints. Police are searching for suspects in the attack. Nearly a dozen women were terrorized when men tried to tear off their clothes. There were more victims and attackers than originally thought. Police say 44 women have come forward saying they were attacked. Investigators say as many as 60 men may have been involved. Nearly a dozen New York City police officers are accused of misconduct. Some received reprimands and others were given unspecified penalties.

NEWS 4 June 13 - Some senate members are urging that DNA testing be made available to all death row inmates so that mistakes made in the court system can be corrected, but some prosecutors are against this

NEWS 4 June 13 - Nathaniel Brazill has been charged as an adult in the murder of a middle school teacher last month. His hearing was delayed until this afternoon because his parents did not show up. He is charged with first degree murder.

NEWS 4 June 13 - Patricia Baptiste, the candidate who lost the Montgomery County Council election is questioning whether literature she mailed out was delayed intentionally or not.

NEWS 4 June 13 - Two local contractors have been indicted on bribery charges in alleged schemes that involved workers in the District's department of public works

NEWS 4 June 13 - Firefighters in DC were wrapping up a scene when a mini-van ran over a fire hose, which snapped back and injured two of the firefighters.

NEWS 4 June 14 - Mehmet Agca, the man who shot Pope John Paul the second has been pardoned for the crime. The President of Italy announced the pardon today.

NEWS 4 June 14, 16 - Basketball hall-of-famer Julius Erving's son is missing. He is asking for the public's help to find him. The Sheriff in Florida says Cory Erving tried to buy a gun so he could retaliate against a man with which whom he had a fight.

NEWS 4 June 15, 16 - Today is the 45th anniversary of the murders of Michael Ann Ryan and Nancy Marie Shomette. Police say they believe two brothers, John and Edward Dobek may have been responsible. Ed Dobeck confessed to his sister-in-law on his deathbed. Both of the brothers considered to be responsible have since died.

NEWS 4 June 15 - Police chased a stolen car from Silver Spring to DC where the driver crashed into another car.

NEWS 4 June 16 - In Massachusetts, a woman had her car stolen and called her cell phone and the thief picked up. She agreed to pay him \$1000 to return her car and he was arrested.

NEWS 4 June 16 - Church Leaders in SE Washington are asking young people, police and government to work together to stop the violence in their community. The group held a press conference today at the site of the shooting of 76 year old Grace Edwards.

NEWS 4 June 17, 19 - Three teens were shot after leaving a party in Northwest. Assistant Chief Gainer says the woman who threw the party may face charges because the teenagers were at her house past the curfew. The Mayor, Chief of Police and other city leaders are working to find a suspect. The Mayor plans to launch a major youth violence initiative in the next few days.

NEWS 4 June 17 - Two female employees were leaving Sun Trust Bank on Annapolis road when they were forced back inside by a gunman. No hostages were hurt. Police are interviewing the two women.

NEWS 4 June 17 - DC police have released the photos of two suspects in the murder of a 77-year old woman. A \$10,000 reward is being offered.

NEWS 4 June 17 - DC police are asking for the public's help to find a man wanted in a string of sexual assaults in February.

NEWS 4 June 18 - A Mohamad Hamouda, a Rockville man is in federal custody tonight charged with kidnapping his 3 daughters two months ago and taking them to Lebanon

NEWS 4 June 18 - Two pilots are dead tonight after a military plane crashed during an air show in Pennsylvania. Investigators are now trying to figure out what went wrong.

NEWS 4 June 18 - CIA Agent John Muskoph was shot by a gunman who stopped him and his friends and demanded money.

NEWS 4 June 19 - A woman in the District reported that she was carjacked, beaten and raped by two men, police are investigating.

NEWS 4 June 19, 20 - A Virginia man was injured today when his mailbox exploded. The explosive had been planted in the newspaper box in front of his home.

NEWS 4 June 20 - Barbara Morrow was sentenced to 2-8 years in prison for posing as a cowboy and conning women out of over 67, 000 dollars.

NEWS 4 June 20 - A wrongful death lawsuit filed by survivors and relatives of the victims at Waco began today

NEWS 4 June 20 - The pretrial hearing of Michael Skakel, the nephew of Robert Kennedy began today. He is charged with a murder that took place 25 years ago.

NEWS 4 June 20 - The Senate passed a bill that adds offenses motivated by sexual orientation, gender or disability to the list of hate crimes covered by a law passed in 1968.

NEWS 4 June 20 - Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan is condemning the violence that took place in LA last night after the Lakers won the NBA Championship. There were eleven arrests.

NEWS 4 June 20 - David Dennis was arrested in connection with an armed carjacking in Reston.

NEWS 4 June 20 - Britain customs authorities are investigating a truck found with 60 illegal immigrants, 58 of which were dead. They supposedly suffocated while being smuggled into the country

NEWS 4 June 20 - Ajmal Jahed has been charged with raping a 13 year old girl in Arlington

NEWS 4 June 20 - Lawrence Lombardi is on trial in Florida on charges that he set off pipe bombs at Florida A and M University.

NEWS 4 June 20 - Friends and Family of Archie Elliott gathered today to ask that his case be reopened. Elliott was shot 7 years ago by police officers

NEWS 4 June 21 - Cheryl Pope has gone to Russia to plead President Putin to release her husband who is charged with stealing military secrets.

NEWS 4 June 21, 29 - The news service of Communist China has purchased a building in Alexandria which has been used in the past for spying on the Pentagon in the past. The state Department today says it never received a notice from Xinhua of the purchase, which is required for foreign governments. Xinhua has now filed an application with the State Department to sell the property.

NEWS 4 June 21 - Security issues cause a problem for Air Force One, its landing was delayed when two unidentified vehicles were on the runway. Once the vehicles were cleared, the plane landed.

NEWS 4 June 21, 22 - 36 year old Donna Zinetti was found murdered near her Laurel town house in October 1999. A DNA test result has led to the warrant for another man. Keith Longtin has been released from jail.

NEWS 4 June 22, 23, 24 - A 10 year-old boy from Prince William is in critical condition tonight after he was shot accidentally by his brother. The boy remains in critical condition. Police say even though the gun had a trigger lock, the boys knew the combination. Brian Bell died this morning at Children's hospital. Police say it is unlikely that charges will be filed in the case.

NEWS 4 June 22 - Gary Graham was executed in Texas tonight.

NEWS 4 June 21, 22 - An off duty officer was found under the influence of alcohol in a marked patrol car. He was escorted home. Assistant Chief Gainer says the officer should have been arrested.

NEWS 4 June 22 - Three children in Texas are suing the Ku Klux Klan and their father's killers. James Byrd was chained to a pickup truck and drugged to death in 1998.

NEWS 4 June 22 - DC Mayor Anthony Williams has kicked off a new public safety program aimed at steering young people away from crime.

NEWS 4 June 23 - DNA testing has led to an arrest in the murder case of Marilyn Bandera in 1992. She was found stabbed to death in her home in Fairfax County.

NEWS 4 June 23, 24 - Two suspects are being questioned about a series of arson fires in Maryland, in which nine dumpsters were set on fire in Takoma Park. Rolando Chacez and Carlos Calix-Figuerosa have been charged with the fires.

NEWS 4 June 26 - One of the three Miami Police commanders who assisted in the seizure of Elian Gonzales, Juan Garcia is accused of soliciting sex from an undercover officer.

NEWS 4 June 26 - The Supreme Court ruled that only a jury can decide if a crime has been motivated by racial bias.

NEWS 4 June 26 - Officials in Greece say that Greece does not yet have the expertise to provide adequate security for the Olympic Games in 2004.

NEWS 4 June 27 - Gregory Gamble in Martinsburg, West Virginia set up a foundation to help senior citizens and mentally disabled people is in jail for stealing \$300,000 from the clients.

NEWS 4 June 27 - New Hampshire's governor vetoed a bill that would have repealed the death penalty, and the senate house could not over-ride the Governor's veto.

NEWS 4 June 27 - Charles Schwartz, a former New York City police officer is in prison for his role in the torture of a Haitian immigrant. Two other police officers are also in police custody

NEWS 4 June 27 - Jose Bruca Melgar was shot by Corporal Charles Ramseur in the parking lot of a pizza parlor. Meglar claims the attack was racially motivated.

NEWS 4 June 27, 28, 29 - A hearing will begin next month on whether or not John Hinkley can make unescorted trips. A Judge has formally dismissed the case for letting John Hinkley out of St. Elizabeth's hospital. Hinkley was found not guilty for the reason of insanity in the 1981 shooting of President Reagan.

NEWS 4 June 28 - The county board of supervisors in Fairfax County has approved a plan to increase fines for speeding.

NEWS 4 June 29, 30 - 39-year old Bismark Rodriguex is holding his four-year old son and a waiter hostage in a hotel room at the Boardwalk Inn in Buena Vista Florida. A Swat team is on the scene and negotiators are talking to the hostage taker. The man surrendered late last night. Authorities say he was demanding to see his estranged wife and three other children.

NEWS 4 June 29 - D.C. police officer Warren Pindell has been indicted on charges of robbing men moments after they picket up prostitutes.

NEWS 4 June 29 - Gerry Anthony Gillespie, a teacher in Prince George's county has been arrested for allegedly having sex with a student.

NEWS 4 June 29, 30 - Police found the bodies of five people in a home in Richmond Virginia. No details have been released. Police now believe the ex-husband killed his wife and two children, then killed himself.

NEWS 4 June 29 - Police in Alexandria are looking for a man who robbed a Giant Supermarket at gunpoint.

NEWS 4 June 29 - Greenbelt police are looking for men who robbed Allfirst bank in Greenway Plaza.

NEWS 4 June 30 - Officer Jonathan Daniels, who was shot and critically wounded during the IMF protests in April is talking about the shooting for the first time. He hopes to return to the job late in the summer.

NEWS 4 June 30 - A former Georgian Diplomat, Gueorgui Makharadze caused a drink driving crash that killed a local girl in 1997 will serve the remainder of his sentence in his homeland.

NEWS 4 June 30 - 8 people died tonight at a Pearl Jam concert in Denmark. Authorities say the people were crushed when fans rushed the stage

NEWS 4 June 30 - The Fraternal Order of Police is telling members in Prince George's county to turn in their pepper spray starting Tuesday. The F.O.P. implies that the weaker spray that they have been using may have contributed to the deaths of four people in police custody.

V. CONSUMER

WRC-TV airs daily segments on issues of interest to consumers, including safety, cost saving, government regulations, and new products.

NEWS 4 April 3,5- Anticipation of the Microsoft decision had a big effect on stock trading today.

NEWS 4 April 3- Protests in Washington will target the World Bank in a way to gain momentum with capitalization.

NEWS 4 April 3,10- IRS tax tips, only 2 weeks to go!

NEWS 4 April 3,5- Tonight, Bill Gates attacked the landmark anti-trust ruling that could eventually break up his company, Microsoft

NEWS 4 April 5- report on NASDAQ trading companies

NEWS 4 April 7- a Miami jury today ordered the tobacco industry to pay three smokers nearly 7 million dollars

NEWS 4 April 7- President Clinton signed a measure that eliminates the "earnings test" that was implemented in the depression era to encourage seniors to retire and make room for younger workers.

NEWS 4 April 10- a man who holds 14 jobs on a small island called Gigha is retiring this year

NEWS 4 April 11- Housing Rights advocates are vocally protesting in front of Mayor Anthony Williams' office.

NEWS 4 April 11- US Senate killed an effort to roll back the federal gas tax today

NEWS 4 April 11- the insurance institute for highway safety released results of new crash tests today

NEWS 4 April 12- 200 thousand gasoline powered blowers are being recalled because of a fire and burn hazard

NEWS 4 April 12- Appliance maker, Procter-Silex, is recalling its wide-slot toasters because of a potential fire hazard

NEWS 4 April 12- Ben and Jerry's has been sold to the world's largest ice cream maker, Unilever, for 326 million dollars.

NEWS 4 April 13- the Graco Company is recalling seven million infant swings because 6 babies have fallen out of them and died

NEWS 4 April 14- the pharmaceutical company, American Home Products, has reached a four billion-dollar settlement with people who took the diet drug combination called Fen-Phen.

NEWS 4 April 14,17- the Dow Jones Industrials plunged 616 points to ten thousand, the worst point drop ever.

NEWS 4 April 14- the US Postal Service honored the recent film version of the Titanic story with a stamp of its own

NEWS 4 April 17- the demonstrators did not stop the World Bank and IMF meetings

NEWS 4 April 17- this is the last day to file your taxes

NEWS 4 April 17- report on the developer who brought the powerplant in Baltimore is going to bring the Reston Town Center to Landover

NEWS 4 April 18 – NASDAQ had another record-breaking session

NEWS 4 April 19 - after 13 months of increases, the price of gas is heading down

NEWS 4 April 19 – two London-based companies have just unveiled virtual newscasters

NEWS 4 April 21 – report on TV ads featuring an animated George Washington

NEWS 4 April 24 – report on fire safety

NEWS 4 April 26 – PG County Planning Board will decide how much residents will pay to use the new sports and learning complex

NEWS 4 April 26- GM is recalling nearly 300,000 SUVs due to an air-bag problem

NEWS 4 April 27 – computer privacy/safety report

NEWS 4 April 27 – news coverage of NW watermain break

NEWS 4 April 27 – Liz reports on work-at-home advertisements

NEWS 4 April 28 - The NBC website is offering a free service to check the VIN number on a car

NEWS 4 April 28; May 17, 26 - Bill Gates says that the breaking up of Microsoft is bad for consumers, with the break up, Microsoft is split into rival companies, one for Windows and one for other software. The justice department is standing by its proposal to break up Microsoft. The Judge in the Microsoft case said he wants the government to revise its plan to break up the company. The new plan could include splitting Microsoft into 3 parts instead of the two previously recommended by the government.

NEWS 4 May 1 - Performers with the Screen Actors Guild and the American Federation of Television and Radio went on strike in LA and New York saying that they want more money for work on commercials

NEWS 4 May 1, 2 - Time Warner and Disney are in a dispute over transmission rights; None of the Disney stations were aired on Time Warner's cable stations, claiming Disney is asking for too much money

NEWS 4 May 1 - report on travel tips

NEWS 4 May 1 - report on tricks for keeping your car in good shape

NEWS 4 May 3 - Weed Wizard is recalling weed trimmer heads, saying that the defective trimmers can fly off and cause injury or death

NEWS 4 May 3 - report on household tricks

NEWS 4 May 4 - report on barbeque and grilling tips

NEWS 4 May 4 - the lottery is up to 200 million dollars

NEWS 4 May 4 - The District government and the government in Prince William County had to shut down their e mail systems because of the "Love Bug virus"

NEWS 4 May 5 - gardening tips report

NEWS 4 May 5,6 - The FBI believes that the "love bug virus" is linked to a 15 year old boy in the Philippines

NEWS 4 May 5- A new rule will be phased into the 2004 models of cars changing the airbags to make them more suitable for children and small adults

NEWS 4 May 8, 10 - The lottery is up to the largest in the worlds history, 325 million dollars

NEWS 4 May 8 - Pepco instituted a brown-out today to preserve energy, the kilowatchers program, residents who volunteer to allow Pepco to cycle their air conditioners on and off, was activated for the first time today as well

NEWS 4 May 9 - the large lottery jackpot is causing problems for vendors and the odds for winning are very slim

NEWS 4 May 9 - report on the "Wonder Steamer" to see if it really works

NEWS 4 May 9 - a survey sponsored by frequent flyer magazine and J-D Power and associates found that air travelers shows continental as the best domestic airline, followed by TWA and then Southwest Airlines

NEWS 4 May 9 - Dominion semi-conductor will begin producing flash memory chips in its facility in Virginia bringing in 600 new jobs

NEWS 4 May 11 - report on teen businesses on the Internet

NEWS 4 May 11- new reports on last months metro fire say that transit officials saw smoke earlier than they reported and that the fire department contacted metro operation center after being flooded with 9-1-1 calls

NEWS 4 May 12- report on the young, Internet crowd's high-tech party circuit

NEWS 4 May 12 - Continental airlines raised their fare prices by 10 to 30 dollars blaming fuel costs, US airways has followed this airfare hike

NEWS 4 May 15 – Most of the major airlines are raising their fares.

NEWS 4 May 15 - report on companies leaving their customers on hold when they call

NEWS 4 May 16 - NAACP and Kweise Mfume will expand their boycott of South Carolina because they want the confederate flag removed from state buildings

NEWS 4 May 16 - A survey in Modern Maturity magazine asks what people think money can and can not buy and questions the moral effects of wealth

NEWS 4 May 16 - The federal reserve raised the interest rate today to 6.5% in hopes of slowing the economy

NEWS 4 May 17- report on wearable computers

NEWS 4 May 17 - The waterfront along Anacostia is undergoing a facelift, as a part of a plan to breathe a new life into the area

NEWS 4 May 17 - Federal regulators are considering new guidelines that would change the way phone calls are billed and charge customers only when they make a call

NEWS 4 May 19 - the "newLove" virus attacks and overwrites all kinds of files

NEWS 4 May 22 - The Supreme Court made a ruling that will make it easier for passengers to get compensated if an airline loses their luggage.

NEWS 4 May 22 - Report on hidden online fees when buying a travel ticket

NEWS 4 May 23 - Metro promised to look into ways to change its response to underground fires. The board is expected to approve 1 million dollars in funding to help the D.C. fire department upgrade its radio systems.

NEWS 4 May 24 - Report on travel bargains

NEWS 4 May 24 - The deal for United Airlines to buy US Airways was announced today. Acquiring US Airways would give United access to the airline's busiest routes in the Northeast. The US Airways and United Airlines consolidation may benefit East Coast passengers because of the stronger United service may solve some of the service problems of US Airways.

NEWS 4 May 24 - Prince George's County will officially opening its new sports and learning complex.

NEWS 4 May 25 - The government proposed a new rating system that would tell you how likely a car is to roll over. Car makers are opposed to the rating system saying it does not account for the role of driver behavior and road conditions.

NEWS 4 May 25 - The Powerball winner is waiting to claim his or her prize to protect their privacy.

NEWS 4 May 30 – Curtis Packing, a meat packer is recalling 15,000lbs. of its Curtis and Beef Master hot dogs. The Agriculture department says they may be contaminated with listeria.

NEWS 4 May 31 - The Consumer Products Safety Commission is recalling thousands of baby bouncer seats. The commission says the removable bar that attaches to the seat can come off and hit the child in the face

NEWS 4 May 31 - The non-profit insurance institute for Highway Safety has completed its latest round of crash tests. They found that the odds are getting better of surviving an impact.

NEWS 4 June 1 - E-Incubation will run as many as 6-8 new companies through its program twice a year in Fairfax County. It will help entrepreneurs get their ideas off the ground.

NEWS 4 June 1 - The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles has begun using a California based Internet course for computer driving school.

NEWS 4 June 5 - The Insurance Information Institute has put together some rules for drivers

NEWS 4 June 7 - A federal judge in Washington ordered the break-up of Microsoft into two companies.

NEWS 4 June 7 - AT&T is making changes to its basic long distance service. This will result in an increase in rates, but a decrease in access fees.

NEWS 4 June 8 - Playtex is recalling nearly 2 million pacifiers because the latex could detach and cause a choking hazard

NEWS 4 June 8 - Government officials said that the chemical Dursban, which is contained in insecticides could cause nerve damage in children

NEWS 4 June 9 - NBC 4 invited FCC representatives to come in to our consumer line and answer questions about phone service.

NEWS 4 June 9 - ACE Hardware is recalling white miniblinds and woodgrain rollup blinds because they contain too much lead and lack required warning labels.

NEWS 4 June 9 - Report on used car dealers in Washington DC

NEWS 4 June 12, 16, 17 - Gasoline prices continue to rise across the country. The Federal Government is expected to meet with oil industry executives. President Clinton says his Administration is investigating why gas prices are soaring more in some parts of the country than others.

NEWS 4 June 12 - Arguments began today in a new anti-trust case against Visa and Mastercard.

NEWS 4 June 13 - Alexandria is getting ready to approve a living wage law, which gives workers a wage they can live on.

NEWS 4 June 13 - Traffic experts say that red lights are getting longer. Northern Virginia lights are among the longest in the country

NEWS 4 June 13 - The government will let students and families lock in current interest rates on college loans if they consolidate their borrowing

NEWS 4 June 13 - Ford claims it wants to be an environmental leader in fuel efficiency. The government however states that Ford missed the 1999 standards

NEWS 4 June 13 - The consumer product safety commission says that the amount of asbestos in certain crayons is too small to be dangerous

NEWS 4 June 13 - State Farm insurance is planning on sending refunds to policy holders nation wide

NEWS 4 June 15 - Mac Cooper, a factory owner in Franklin County Virginia invited all 150 of his employees to go on a 3 day all expenses paid cruise to the Bahamas to celebrate the company's 25th anniversary

NEWS 4 June 16 - The senate gave final congressional approval to a measure that makes electronic signatures just as legal as paper signatures.

NEWS 4 June 17 - The Recording Industry Association of American is suing Napster, a site where people can download mp3s for piracy.

NEWS 4 June 17 - The Government is allowing Bell Atlantic and GTE to merge to form Verizon Communications. The largest local phone company and wireless service provider in the nation.

NEWS 4 June 17 - Alexandria is expected to become the first city in the area to pass a living wage law

NEWS 4 June 19 – report on the gasoline pump prices and how they are affecting drivers; report on people who gas up and do not pay for the fuel – a practice called “gas and dash”, which is on the rise.

NEWS 4 June 19- AOL is getting ready to launch its interactive television service, called AOL-TV

NEWS 4 June 19 – Japan now has its own version of the technology laden Nasdaq market

NEWS 4 June 20 – Comcast Cablevision is offering amnesty to people getting cable illegally

NEWS 4 June 20 – Microsoft case may be going straight to the Supreme Court

NEWS 4 June 21 - The leaders of OPEC have agreed to step-up oil production to tame the rising oil prices

NEWS 4 June 21 - A meeting on Capital Hill discussing rising oil prices ended with no resolution

NEWS 4 June 22 - Alan Greenspan, the chairman of the Federal Reserve was involved in a car accident this morning, he is fine.

NEWS 4 June 22 - A new website, "AvantGo" lets you download information onto your organizer or Palm Pilot

NEWS 4 June 22 - Coca-Cola has sent a shipment to North Korea, the trade sanctions have been lifted.

NEWS 4 June 23 - The merger of American Online and Time Warner has been approved by a majority of the shareholders. The merger still has to be cleared by regulatory agencies.

NEWS 4 June 23 - Republicans and Democrats are blaming each other for rising gas prices.

NEWS 4 June 26 - Philip Morris has announced an agreement to buy Nabisco holding for \$15 billion.

NEWS 4 June 26 - The stock of a number of local companies involved in the gene-mapping company dropped today.

NEWS 4 June 26 - Storms in our area caused power outages, utility companies say most of the power has been restored.

NEWS 4 June 27 - The Virginia Marine Resources Commission voted to expand a crab sanctuary in the Virginia portion of the Chesapeake Bay

NEWS 4 June 27 - The Justice Department filed a suit today to block the World Com and Sprint merge.

NEWS 4 June 27 - An agreement was made today that will allow the sale of US food to Cuba for the first time in 40 years

NEWS 4 June 27 - Report on tips to help save gas in your car

NEWS 4 June 28 - A federal report on Airline service found that airlines are getting better about warning about delays and cancellations but are still not being truthful all the time.

NEWS 4 June 29 - A Canadian company called Online Conservatory dot com began offering live piano lessons over the internet 6 months ago.

NEWS 4 June 29 - Software companies are developing virus protection for handheld computers.

NEWS 4 June 29- Montgomery County police and fire, Fitzgerald Automotive employees and people on the save kids campaign have been inspecting to see if children's car seats have been installed properly

NEWS 4 June 30 - Report on various Maryland State fireworks laws.

NEWS 4 June 30 - A fireworks company is using the internet to direct people in states where fireworks are illegal to the store nearest them.

NEWS 4 June 30 - President Clinton signed a bill today that legalizes electronic signatures.

VI. ENVIRONMENT/WEATHER

WRC-TV regularly broadcasts news and other segments on regional environmental issues. Some examples are listed below.

NEWS 4 April 5- a construction accident injured two workers today in Northwest Washington

NEWS 4 April 9,10,11,13,14,15- clean up crews will be working throughout the night to deal with a massive oil spill in Prince George's County that has now spread to the Patuxent River.

NEWS 4 April 14 - tonight a group of Maryland watermen are suing PEPCO over the oil spill in the Patuxent River

NEWS 4 April 18 - report on storm which ripped through the Los Angeles area early today

NEWS 4 April 21, 22 – news coverage of Earth Day observances

NEWS 4 April 27 – report on hog farmer who was sued by city because his farm smelled bad

NEWS 4 May 1 - 400 acres of moth killing insecticide were sprayed over Northern Virginia

NEWS 4 May 2, 3, 31 - An underwater formation was found off the coast of Virginia that could cause a Tsunami effecting the coast of North Carolina, Virginia and the Chesapeake Bay area. Researchers have found more evidence that the coast is at risk of being hit by a large tidal wave. If blowouts underwater continue, the ocean floor could become weak and trigger underwater landslides that could send 18 foot waves along the coast and push waters as far inland as the district and surrounding suburbs.

NEWS 4 May 2 - "Roke Manor Research" in London makes predictions about the future of technology, the world and of news broadcasts

NEWS 4 May 2, 16 - The emergency clean up phase from the Pepco oil spill on the Patuxent River is almost completed

NEWS 4 May 4 - Fairfax county veterinarians are immunizing raccoons in the wild against rabies

NEWS 4 May 4, 8- The government began removing protestors from a Navy training and bombing site in Puerto Rico

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK May 7 - Reporters Jerry Phillips, WBIG-FM/WTEM-AM; Dave McConnell, WTOP-AM; Adrienne Washington, The Washington Times and host Doug McKelway discuss the natural resources defense council and the Sierra Club's pushing metro to start replacing its diesel buses with cleaner buses that run on compressed natural gas.

NEWS 4 May 8, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18- A fire in Los Alamos New Mexico has caused the national nuclear lab to shut down and 25,000 people to evacuate, and 260 homes were destroyed. Firefighters have not been able to contain the blaze. The wildfires in Los Alamos have claimed

the complex of buildings where scientists worked on the top-secret Manhattan project. The fire was deliberately started to clear an area around the national monument. The Interior Department says the fire was caused by a number of mistakes made by the National Park Service.

NEWS 4 May 8 - report on the heat wave and how Virginia residents are dealing with it

NEWS 4 May 9,10 - Forecast for this summer and Hurricane season and comparison to last summer

NEWS 4 May 10 - The Wild Turkey Distillery in Kentucky caught fire some of the bourbon was flowing to a nearby river causing a local water treatment plant to close down

NEWS 4 May 11 - Fourth Graders from Prince George's County lobbied on Capitol Hill for air conditioning in their schools

NEWS 4 May 11 - DC-council is considering fining local utility companies because of recent manhole explosions and problems with the streets

NEWS 4 May 15 – 12 homes are without power after storms in Virginia this weekend.

NEWS 4 May 16 - Wildfires spread along 300-acres of the Washington-Jefferson National forest in Bedford County the fire started from a lightning strike in the mountains

NEWS 4 May 16 - The surf-rider association identifies the top 10 safest beaches based on water quality, beach access and beach erosion, no local beaches made it on the list

NEWS 4 May 17 - A fire broke out in a manhole in the 500 block of South Capitol Street, Pepco says a connection between two cables failed on an underground line, there was no explosion and no one lost power

NEWS 4 May 17 - Workers in Pineville Louisiana accidentally hooked up a sewer line to the watermain three months ago when the watermain broke, the residents had been using the contaminated water since then, the Mayor says the problem has been fixed.

NEWS 4 May 17 - The EPA has a new clean-air proposal aimed at cutting down pollution from large trucks and busses. The proposal requires diesel fuel to become almost sulfur free over the next seven years

NEWS 4 May 19, 20, 22, 27 - Investigators suspect a chemical from an industrial park in Silver Spring spilled into the water at Rock Creek, authorities are warning people to stay away from Rock Creek. Preliminary test results on water samples suggest that a pesticide used to kill termites is to blame for the death of the fish. A pest control company in Silver Spring says its not responsible for the deaths of the fish in Rock Creek.

NEWS 4 May 24 - A rood collapsed at a firehouse in Fairfax County. No one was hurt.

NEWS 4 May 30, 31 – A wildfire has started in Pecos, New Mexico. A canyon in Pecos, New Mexico has been evacuated because of a wildfire.

NEWS 4 June 5 - Since the first of the year, 120,000 acres have burned across the state of Florida.

NEWS 4 June 7 - Officials are working to prevent an outbreak of West Nile Encephalitis.

NEWS 4 June 11 - Report on the heat in Washington and what people are doing to beat the heat.

NEWS 4 June 12, 15 - Two wildfires have started in Colorado, one north of Denver and the other Southwest of Denver. Several neighborhoods have been evacuated. Gusty winds are hampering efforts to get Colorado wildfires under control

NEWS 4 June 12 - The White House has released a new report on global warming, confirming predictions by weather professionals, say, that it is getting warmer.

NEWS 4 June 15 - Mayor Anthony Williams says the Federal Government should help find out what's causing manholes to explode. The Mayor says some of the systems are outdated and need to be examined for safety reasons.

NEWS 4 June 16 - A car exploded in Southeast caused by tanks of gas used in the jewelry trade. The car is totaled, but the driver is ok.

NEWS 4 June 17 - A man from Centerville, Virginia was struck by lightning and killed in Annapolis while playing in a rugby tournament.

NEWS 4 June 17 - The "People for the ethical treatment of animals" or PETA are speaking up against the CBS "Survivor" show, saying that they are abusing animals.

NEWS 4 June 21, 22 - a sewage spill in South Florida caused a 15 mile stretch of beach to be closed. Authorities have extended the closing to 25 miles. Beaches have been closed to swimmers for the 3rd straight day.

NEWS 4 June 22 - A lot of people are still cleaning up after the storms last night

NEWS 4 June 22 - Conditions in the Midwest have improved from a drought last summer.

NEWS 4 June 27 - A report has found that one fourth of the buildings within 500 feet of the coastlines are threatened by erosion over the next 60 years.

NEWS 4 June 28 - The leaders of D.C., Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania and the federal government in signing an agreement with the goals of improving water quality, enhancing fishing and wildlife and reducing pollution in the Chesapeake Bay.

NEWS 4 June 28 - The house passed a bill calling for more than three million dollars in federal aid to replenish beaches in several resort towns in Delaware.

NEWS 4 June 29, 30 - Energy secretary Bill Richardson is traveling to Washington State where a fire is burning out of control near a nuclear complex. So far 25 homes have been destroyed and

7,000 people have been evacuated. Authorities say that fires are now burning out. The flames did not spread radiation. The fire was ignited by sparks from a car accident.

NEWS 4 June 30 - Maryland officials are looking for another place to put muck dredged from the Chesapeake Bay chipping channel. A study shows the muck contained toxic material

VII. EDUCATION

WRC-TV regularly broadcasts news and other segments about and pertaining to educational issues. Some examples are listed below

NEWS 4 April 3- the schools are scheduled to get a seven- percent increase in their budget but the school board says it needs twice that much to cover its expenses.

NEWS 4 April 5- Gus Mcleod, a pilot from Montgomery County, is trying to be the first person to fly to the North Pole in a bi-plane with an open-air cockpit.

NEWS 4 April 7- District Mayor Anthony Williams is asking the city council to fight for a 100 million-dollar increase for the city's school system budget.

VIEWPOINT April 9 - Guest: Dr. Daniel A. Domenech, Superintendent, Fairfax County Public Schools, talked with host Joe Krebs about the nation's 12th largest school system with 156,000 students enrolled.

NEWS 4 April 10- report on American University offering a law school program for high school students

NEWS 4 April 20 – dinosaur experts say they have made a discovery that could change perceptions about dinosaurs – they had a four chambered heart

NEWS 4 April 25 – Montgomery County school board voted to change punishment for students who carry cell phones and pagers

NEWS 4 April 27 – COMCAST announced a program today to put high speed cable modems in every Prince George's County schools

NEWS 4 April 28- The English as a second language program received an 800 thousand-dollar grant

NEWS 4 April 28- "The Illtop", the first comedic journal at a historically black university, was founded at Howard University

VIEWPOINT April 30 - Guest: Arlene Ackerman, DC Superintendent of Schools and host Joe Krebs discuss the state of DC schools.

NEWS 4 May 1- report on Montgomery County math test scores that failure rates are rising and they are trying to get more money into the program.

NEWS 4 May 2- public demand is high for the Columbine High School video, they are doubling the number of copies, this time without the background music.

NEWS 4 May 3- D.C. Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton says that the tuition-assistance program is available to D.C residents as well as Maryland and Virginia.

NEWS 4 May 3- D.C. elections board has decided to hold a referendum next month on whether to restructure the school board.

NEWS 4 May 4- the parents of Kristin and Kati Lisk, two young women who were abducted and killed, are beginning a college scholarship program at Spotsylvania High School.

NEWS 4 May 4-Students from all 50 states and all 10 Canadian provinces attended Space Day activities in Washington

NEWS 4 May 4- President Clinton announced that more than 137-million dollars in grants would be awarded to charter schools and another 175-million would be used to create more charter schools over the next 3 years

NEWS 4 May 5- "Think-Wave" is offering free software that allows parents to communicate with teachers and check their grades online.

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK May 7 –Panel discussed DC public charter schools, the lack of accountability for spending hundreds of thousands of tax dollars, and signing sizable contracts without following strict legal guidelines.

NEWS 4 May 8- Blair High school places in the top three at the National Science Bowl

NEWS 4 May 13- University of DC President awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree to the parents of Kerron Pinkney who was shot and killed last August prior to her graduation.

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK May 14 - Reporters Jerry Phillips, WBIG-FM/WTEM-AM; Dave McConnell, WTOP-AM; Adrienne Washington, The Washington Times and host Doug McKelway discuss DC School Superintendent Arlene Ackerman and her admission that she is considering a job in San Francisco.

NEWS 4 May 15- The Montgomery County honors program is planning a program that will help parents of minorities get into honors and AP classes.

NEWS 4 May 15 – Parents of school students in Fairfax County are complaining about overcrowding

NEWS 4 May 15 - The space shuttle Atlantis is scheduled to lift off shortly after dawn on Thursday morning.

NEWS 4 May 17 - A dinosaur display opened in Chicago today it contains the largest most complete and best-preserved Tyrannosaurus Rex skeleton every to be reconstructed.

NEWS 4 May 17 - Child inventors were on Capitol Hill showing their prize winning inventions for a contest sponsored by Parade magazine; their assignment was to come up with ways to improve the planet by using science and technology.

VIEWPOINT May 17 - Guests: Delabian Rice-Thurston, Executive Director, DC Parents United, Linda Moody, President, DC PTA and Mary Levy, Washington Lawyers Committee discuss with host Joe Krebs the upheaval in DC public schools caused by the loss of another school superintendent. On this same program, guests Laurent Ross, Director, DC Tuition Assistance Grant Program and Argelia Rodriguez, Executive Director, DC College Access Program, discuss the DC tuition assistance grant program.

NEWS 4 May 18 - The ACLU is suing California. The lawsuit alleges that a disproportionate number of minority students are not provided with the bare necessities for the same education as their middle-class and white counterparts receive. They want the state to fix the schools and provide enough credentialed teachers at all schools.

NEWS 4 May 20 - Fifth graders from White Oak elementary school in Virginia dug up a time capsule that they buried 12 years ago.

NEWS 4 May 22 - The crew of the space shuttle Atlantis is expected to enter the space station to replace dying batteries and restore full electrical power. It's been a year since anyone has been inside the station.

NEWS 4 May 22 - Members of the elected D.C. School Board are meeting to choose their preference for Arlene Ackerman's successor. The board can only advise on a successor.

NEWS 4 May 25 - Prince George's County Superintendent Iris Metts is trying to fill the principal's job at Flowers High School for the third time.

NEWS 4 May 25 - There is an opening for a new principal at Highbridge Elementary in Bowie. Parents say he is being pressured to leave. Union officials say that they believe county officials are trying to save money by pressuring veteran employees into early retirement.

NEWS 4 May 27 - A former substitute teacher in Prince George's county is being investigated by police after an incident where she allegedly taped the mouths of her students shut.

NEWS 4 June 1 - 248 kids from across the country came to Washington for the National Spelling Bee.

NEWS 4 June 1 - Montgomery County's Superintendent is calling for a review of Potomac Elementary school. Parents of the students claim that the school's principal and a fifth grade teacher coached students through standardized tests. The Principal has resigned and the teacher's pay has been suspended.

NEWS 4 June 8, 9, 13, 16 - The Mayor, members of his staff and a group of civic leaders stages a rally today at a public elementary school. They want to pass a policy to create a half-elected, half-appointed board that would have limited powers to set school policy and name a superintendent. A citizen is questioning is it was legal for the Mayor to hold this rally. The

District's Campaign Office has decided to formally investigate whether Mayor Anthony Williams improperly used Government resources to hold a political rally. Mayor Williams responded to accusations. The city's ethics office ruled that the mayor's office improperly used city government resources.

NEWS 4 June 9, - Officials say that Prince George's County school board is violating its own policy by looking for a new elementary school principal without telling the old principal he was being replaced.

NEWS 4 June 12 -President Clinton announced today that the US will launch three new undersea expeditions to study unusual deep sea life in search of origins of life on the planet.

NEWS 4 June 13 - The Liberty Bell 7 space capsule is not part of a traveling space exhibit which opened today in Florida.

NEWS 4 June 13 - Parents of Ballou students emphasized that the violence of this past year all happened outside of the school at this years graduation.

NEWS 4 June 15 -Watkins Glen Elementary School principal promised students she would kiss a snake if they read 2000 pages during the second semester of this year. She did.

NEWS 4 June 15 - Montgomery County officials are looking at the most cost-effective way to upgrade computers in classrooms.

NEWS 4 June 16 - A Fairfax County teacher, Brian Carr, accused of reviewing state exam questions with students before they were tested, has resigned.

NEWS 4 June 20 - An elementary school teacher in Fairfax County collapsed and died from a heart attach in the hallway of the school.

NEWS 4 June 23 - Kids in our area have won a science contest.

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK June 21 - Reporters Jerry Phillips, WBIG-FM/WTEM-AM; Dave McConnell, WTOP-AM; Adrienne Washington, The Washington Times and host Doug McKelway discuss the departure of DC School Superintendent Arlene Ackerman.

VIEWPOINT June 25 - Joe Krebs hosts a discussion on the DC school board referendum with guests: Mayor Anthony Williams and DC Council Member Sandy Allen.

NEWS 4 June 28 - The title of the new Harry Potter book has been released, it will be "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire".

NEWS 4 June 28 - The Supreme Court ruled that taxpayer money can be used to buy instructional materials for religious schools.

NEWS 4 June 30 - Television producer Norman Lear pain 8.14 million dollars for one of the original copies of the Declaration of Independence. He plans to make it part of a patriotic road show.

NEWS 4 June 30 - New recruits at the FBI Academy are taking a course on the Holocaust to teach hop police failed to protect citizen rights, and helped contribute to the murder of 6 million people.

VIII. TRANSPORTATION

WRC-TV regularly broadcasts news and other on transportation issues. Some examples are listed below.

NEWS 4 April 3- letters are pouring in about the red light cameras.

NEWS 4 April 6- Mayor Anthony Williams is following up on a promise to get tough with companies that dig up the streets

NEWS 4 April 7- Metro is calling its experiment with late night subway service on Fridays and Saturdays a success

NEWS 4 April 9- The close-knit community of Poolesville, Maryland is mourning the death of two high school students in a traffic accident tonight.

NEWS 4 April 9- Four crewmembers from Quantico Marine Base were among those killed last night when a Marine Corps aircraft crashed in Arizona

NEWS 4 April 10- a new study on airline quality shows that customer complaints rose 130 percent between 1998 and 1999

NEWS 4 April 10- in preparation for the demonstrations scheduled to take place this weekend, police have set up a headquarters that made for some street closings in the District

NEWS 4 April 10- a chain reaction accident on I-66 this morning is raising questions about how the highway's shoulder lanes are used

NEWS 4 April 11- a top safety official has come up with a new way to improve air safety, cameras in the cockpit

NEWS 4 April 11- authorities have figured out that the power outage in the air traffic control tower at Reagan National Airport was caused by an electrical system panel

NEWS 4 April 13- a fatal accident on the beltway caused some major traffic problems during the morning rush hour

NEWS 4 April 14- the planned protests could cause some roads to close temporarily

NEWS 4 April 18 – report on deadly crash of a jetliner in the Philippines

NEWS 4 April 20, 21 – news coverage of fire in the Metro tunnel between Farragut and Foggy Bottom stations

NEWS 4 April 20 – Prince George’s County is latest jurisdiction to start using automated cameras to catch red light runners

NEWS 4 April 26 – President Clinton has signed an executive order requiring all federal agencies to offer employees in the region transit vouchers

NEWS 4 April 28 - Virginia State police charged a tractor-trailer driver of reckless driving after hitting and killing a Virginia man

NEWS 4 May 1, 2 – report on beltway accident involving a MD State Trooper

NEWS 4 May 1 – BWI airport operations are back to normal after security alert earlier today

NEWS 4 May 1, 4 – Metro explains cause for last month’s tunnel fire

NEWS 4 May 2 – Tower Air ticket holders out of luck – after filing for bankruptcy, the airline says it cannot provide refunds at this time

NEWS 4 May 3- Metro is providing new details about its plans to expand its train service

NEWS 4 May 3 – NTSB experts who investigate transportation tragedies released their annual “most wanted list” today

NEWS 4 May 4 – Washington Area Council of Governments is pitching telecommuting to local employees

NEWS 4 May 4 – tractor trailer overturned at the mixing bowl this morning, causing traffic to be blocked for 5 hours

NEWS 4 May 6 – Metropolitan Airport Authority please with Dulles’ disaster drill

NEWS 4 May 6- speeding was factor in a deadly accident today on the Suitland Parkway

NEWS 4 May 6- woman lands on train tracks at the Dupont Circle Metro stop tonight

NEWS 4 May 8 – report on Smooth Operator program, which has issued nearly 200,000 tickets

NEWS 4 May 11- Fairfax County is trying to end school bus driver shortage with lure of money

NEWS 4 May 13 – a car traveling the wrong way on Suitland Pkwy crashed into a second car and exploded; third car was also struck

NEWS 4 May 16 – the FAA released a tape of the conversation of the final moments of Egypt Air flight 990

NEWS 4 May 17 - Two people were killed and four injured in a car accident in Charles County. Police say the driver tries to pass another vehicle and collided head on with a pickup truck

NEWS 4 May 17 - The driver of a charter bus carrying 5th graders on a school trip to Washington fell asleep at the wheel. 30 people were taken to the hospital; the most serious injury was a broken leg.

NEWS 4 May 18 - Project Advance, a program in Maryland that takes video and still pictures of aggressive drivers, will be expanding to highways throughout Maryland.

NEWS 4 May 19 - D.C. police have stopped issuing tickets to drivers that are caught by the red light camera at the "H" street bridge in NE Washington, they agree that tickets can be unfair because the light is confusing.

NEWS 4 May 20 - Teenagers from Charles County were on a field trip when the driver of a military truck lost control and hit a bus -- no one was seriously hurt

NEWS 4 May 20, 21, 22, 23, 27 - The National Transportation Safety Board has taken over the investigation involving a crash between a Montgomery County bus and a truck and trailer hauling farm equipment. The bus driver was killed, and 3 children are still recovering from the crash; PTA has set up a special fund to help the families. Investigators say it could be weeks before they know what cause the accident. Maryland State and Montgomery county flags are being flown at half-staff at schools and government offices to honor the driver. Only two of the children remain in the hospital, the rest have been released. The school system announced today that school buses carrying students from Mill Creek Towne Elementary will change their routes so the students don't have to drive past the stretch of road where the accident happened. More than 100 school bus drivers from Maryland attended the funeral of Andra King today.

NEWS 4 May 21, 22, 25 - Twin engine turbo prop plane crashed in Pennsylvania after both engines failed. There has been a setback in the investigation because the plane's cockpit recorder failed and the plane was not required to have a flight data recorder. There will be no disciplinary action against the air force thunderbird pilots.

NEWS 4 May 22 - An 11 year-old died tonight after she collided with a minivan while riding her bicycle. No charges have been filed

NEWS 4 May 22 - A school bus collided with a pickup truck in Temple Hills. The bus driver was taken to the hospital with minor injuries no students were hurt.

NEWS 4 May 23 - The FAA and the Air Force will investigate an incident where a member of the air force thunderbirds and a commercial jetliner crossed paths and became too close to each other.

NEWS 4 May 24 - The Federal Aviation Administration released the audio tapes of the last 11 minutes from Alaska Air flight 261 last year. The plane had been in the air for 3 hours when it suddenly lost altitude, all 88 people on board died. The National Transportation Safety Board is still investigating the crash.

NEWS 4 May 25 - Work is about to accelerate on four beltway bridges between Colesville Road and Georgia Avenue.

NEWS 4 May 27 – Police are investigating an accident in Bethesda where a station wagon and a sedan collided.

NEWS 4 May 28 – A collision happened on I-95 in Laurel. 17 people were in 4 cars heading to a “Stone Temple Pilots” concert. Three people were hurt, two were released, and one is still in critical condition.

NEWS 4 May 28 – Four teenagers from Catonsville, Maryland were hurt in a car accident while they were heading to the HFS Festival. The driver lost control and hit a telephone pole.

NEWS 4 May 28 – A train derailment in Louisiana caused a number of large explosions. Police evacuated about 2,000 residents who lived near the scene.

NEWS 4 May 28 – A Chevy Blazer driving on I-66 ran off the road crashed into a guardrail and then burst into flames. The passenger was killed, and the driver was injured.

NEWS 4 June 2 - In Chicago, a car lost control and headed through a fence and crossed the playground at an elementary school. People were gathered in the yard for an assembly when the car came crashing through. Four children and seven adults were injured.

NEWS 4 June 7 - Metro has reopened two redline stations that were closed because of smoke in the tunnel.

NEWS 4 June 8 - A car and a metrobus collided in the 12th street tunnel this morning, the driver of the car was killed.

NEWS 4 June 8 - Starting June 30th, metro trains will extend their hours until 2 A.M.

NEWS 4 June 10 - Metro ran a fire drill today in Prince George's County.

NEWS 4 June 13 - An update on the Crash last march at the Springfield mixing bowl that killed five people. The driver has been fined \$100.

NEWS 4 June 15 - Police in Vienna Virginia are using video cameras for their red lights cameras. The cameras can download video images over phone lines.

NEWS 4 June 15 - Marine Corps is blaming human error for a deadly helicopter crash that killed seven people last December off the coast of San Diego.

NEWS 4 June 17 - The storms knocked down trees, closing Massachusetts Avenue. It took hours for the public works to remove the tree.

NEWS 4 June 20 - VMS Incorporated, a private company is going to take over the work on District roads that are part of the federal highway system. The contract runs for five years and will cost 70-million dollars in federal funds.

NEWS 4 June 23 - Metro says it has met with the makers of the relay units that allow trains to operate automatically. Metro says it has resolved the issue of the defective units and its trains should be back on automatic operation by October.

NEWS 4 June 23- Four people are dead after a mid-air collision between two planes in Florida. A lear jet and a smaller plane collided in Boca Raton.

NEWS 4 June 23 - A teenager was killed in a car crash on the Maryland Beltway. The car ran off the road and hit a tree. The passenger in the backseat was killed.

NEWS 4 June 23 - A truck driver has been charged with a chain-reaction accident on the beltway in Prince George's county. No one was seriously hurt.

NEWS 4 June 26 - There have been 9 Metro fire incidents since Metro tightened its procedures after a fire on April 20th.

NEWS 4 June 26 - 15- hundred passengers were delayed getting to work because service on part of the red line was disrupted.

NEWS 4 June 27 - A coalition of safety groups are aiming on distracted drivers, saying that as many as half of all crashes are caused by drivers who aren't paying attention

NEWS 4 June 27 - A school bus carrying children on a field trip overturned in a collision that injured 20 people on the BW Parkway. Police charged the driver that hit the bus with reckless driving, speeding and other offenses.

NEWS 4 June 28 - The passenger who was critically injured in the crash of a Mercedes and a taxi cab in Glen Echo has been identified as Peter Williams of Potomac.

NEWS 4 June 29 - 39 year old Asif Ali lost control of his car and hit a Dodge Neon head-on on the Fairfax county parkway, he died on the scene.

NEWS 4 June 29 - Construction on the Woodrow Wilson Bridge may begin this fall even though full funding has not been secured.

NEWS 4 June 29 - A nationwide campaign is under way to cut down drinking and driving on the 4th of July. The president of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, law enforcement officers and nationwide insurance kicked off the campaign on the Mall today. Police plan to crack down on drunk driving through the widespread use of sobriety checkpoints.

NEWS 4 June 30 - An accident occurred at the intersection of Calvert Street and Connecticut Avenue.